

Proclamation

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, nationwide one in eight live births is premature and in Fairfax County approximately one in 10 births is premature; and

WHEREAS, babies born prematurely often have lifelong disabilities that the Institute of Medicine estimates the emotional and financial cost of caring for them to be approximately \$26 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, premature births can be reduced by educating high-risk populations and the public about the importance of choosing a healthy lifestyle that includes a prenatal diet rich in folic acid, medical care before and during pregnancy and knowing how to recognize and respond to signs and symptoms of pre-term labor; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all the residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim the month of November 2010 as

Premature Birth Awareness Month

in Fairfax County and urges all residents to take steps to educate themselves, their families and the community about premature birth.



Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

October 19, 2010

Date

