

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and
- WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year. One in three American's have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a higher rate than the national average; and
- WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and
- WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROY D. BUOL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, STAFF AND CITIZENS OF DUBUQUE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2010 AS

## "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

IN THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, AND URGE OUR CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROM OUR COMMUNITY.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Dubuque to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

Roy D. Buol, Mayor

Attest:

Jeanne F. Schneider, CMC, City Clerk