

THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Grand Island State of Nebraska



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; and

WHEREAS,

one in three Americans 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 rate higher 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,

only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous

crime; 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, Margaret Hornady, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010 as

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this first day of September in the

year of our Lord Two Thousand and Ten.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

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Attest

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

