PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and
- **WHEREAS**, the intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels; and
- **WHEREAS**, these activities were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes; mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence; and
- WHEREAS, in October, 1987, the first "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" was observed and during that same year the first national toll-free hotline was begun empowering the strength of battered women to seek assistance for themselves and their children; and
- WHEREAS, on behalf of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Women's Community of Wausau and its members, continued public support and assistance is requested as they continue to work toward a peaceful society.
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JAMES E. TIPPLE, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Wausau and encourage all citizens to become more aware of the mission of the Women's Community and supportive of their goals.

James E. Tipple Mayor, City of Wausau

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