



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, too much violence exists in our community and in our schools while more people in our community believe that violence is an ordinary way of resolving conflict; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the recent shootings -- particularly the shooting at Columbine High School -- there needs to be a renewed effort to end violence in our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, communities must be supportive of their children and youth, providing positive role models and behaviors; and

WHEREAS, while it is not possible to solve all the world's ills, it is possible for each person to make a difference in his or her own neighborhood, school, community, workplace and social circle.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ray Martinez, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim August 29 - September 4, 1999 as

TAKE THE PLEDGE WEEK

and encourage our community to take the following pledge To End Violence. . .

*I will pledge to be a part of the solution. I will eliminate taunting from my own behavior. I will encourage others to do the same. I will do my part to make my community a safe place by being more sensitive to others.
I will set the example of a caring individual.
I will eliminate profanity toward others from my language.
I will not let my words or actions hurt others...
And if others won't become part of the solution, I will.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 17th day of August, A.D. 1999.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk