



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, across our state, domestic violence traumatizes and injures victims, endangers children, harms families, and threatens communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the State of Colorado Domestic Abuse Assistance Program, in 2008 there were 49 domestic-violence related fatalities; and

WHEREAS, in Fort Collins, Crossroads Safehouse provided shelter to 313 women and children and made more than 12,000 crisis calls and outreach responses; and

WHEREAS, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we renew our commitment to prevent domestic violence, punish the perpetrators of this heinous crime, and bring hope and healing to those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Safehouse and other local nonprofit agencies and their volunteers offer critical assistance and support to victims in need -- help that might otherwise not be available. Victims and their children receive shelter, advocacy and counseling, housing assistance, and legal resources as well as referral services for medical care, law enforcement, and employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the city of Fort Collins and ask the citizens of this community to help raise awareness about how to prevent, recognize, and stop domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of October, A.D. 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk