



## 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 33 domestic-violence related fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, in Fort Collins, Crossroads Safehouse provided shelter to 329 women and children and made more than 15,000 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 6th day of October, A.D. 2009.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk