



PROCLAMATION

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, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a higher rate 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, R. Gerald Hethcoat, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

And urge our citizens to work together to eradicate domestic violence from our community.

As Mayor of the City of Williston, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Williston to be affixed this 21st day of September, 2010.




R. Gerald Hethcoat, Mayor