

Executive Proclamation

Rapid City, South Dakota

Office of the Mayor

Whereas: Domestic violence is the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic abuse and/or control, and continues to be a social problem and a serious crime that affects people from all walks of life; and

Whereas: The problems of domestic abuse are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial, sexual orientation, age, and societal barriers, and are supported by social indifference; and

Whereas: The impact of domestic abuse is wide-ranging, directly affecting society as a whole while violating an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity; and

Whereas: A network of organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis such as law enforcement officials, victim advocates, health care providers, the clergy, and other concerned citizens helping in the effort to end domestic abuse; and

Whereas: We recognize the compassion and dedication of those volunteers and professionals and applaud their efforts to increase public understanding of this heinous crime,

Now, therefore, I Alan Hanks, Mayor of Rapid City, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in Rapid City and urge citizens to work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against people.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Hanks".

Alan Hanks, Mayor
Rapid City, South Dakota