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CITY OF CARSON PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

- Whereas, in the United States, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and*
- Whereas, each year, domestic violence affects over four million Americans and hundreds of thousands of Californians call for police assistance in domestic-violence related incidents, and dozens of women in California have lost their lives due to domestic violence; and*
- Whereas, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 45 -- more than rape, theft and automobile accidents combined; and*
- Whereas, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence and children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and*
- Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month was established in October 1987 to create a community dialogue about violence, to advocate for legislation and law enforcement to protect the victims, and to encourage public awareness and action against abuse; and*
- Whereas, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime and 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, the Mayor, City Council and citizens of Carson, California, do hereby recognize and proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness month and urge its citizens to support and assist in spreading awareness about this devastating crime and to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Dated: This 31st day of August 2010

Jim Dear

Mayor

John M. Santurica

Mayor Pro-Tem

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