

# **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

## **~Proclamation~**

**WHEREAS**, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem due to the imbalance of power due to gender and age; and

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any groups or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, sexual orientation, and social barriers and supported by social indifference; and

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting families, our communities and society as a whole;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jerry Ann Fichter, Mayor of Gridley, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by Catalyst Domestic Violence Services to work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence.

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Jerry Ann Fichter, Mayor