



CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

PROCLAMATION "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

October 2010

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that is widespread, affecting over 4 million Americans each year of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans has witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher 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, Rhodes Rigsby, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Loma Linda and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

SIGNED this 17th day of August 2010.

Rhodes L. Rigsby
Rhodes Rigsby, Mayor