



## Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova

### Given In Recognition of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH October 2010

**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 four million Americans each year. One in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS:** Domestic violence follows a pattern of assault that devastates an individual's dignity, security, and humanity. Children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

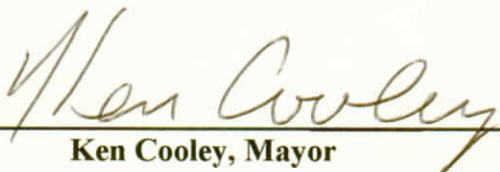
**WHEREAS:** Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 45—more than rape, theft and automobile accidents combined. Only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

**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:** 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, BE IT RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova does proclaim the month of October, 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urges our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:** I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Rancho Cordova to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2010.

  
Ken Cooley, Mayor

