

# Commendation

- WHEREAS,** dating violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue that many are unaware of; and,
- WHEREAS,** one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual or verbal dating violence, with one in five in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner; and,
- WHEREAS,** breakups in youth relationships can be a time of even greater risk even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and,
- WHEREAS,** young people can choose better relationships when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and,
- WHEREAS,** elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and,
- WHEREAS,** Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims; and,
- WHEREAS,** within the City of Henderson, the Henderson Combined Community Response and S.A.F.E. House programs provide our residents such advocacy and assistance;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Andy Hafen, Mayor of the City of Henderson, Nevada, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 as

## **DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

in the City of Henderson.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Henderson, Nevada, to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2010.



**ANDY HAFEN**  
Mayor, City of Henderson

**ATTEST:**

**MONICA MARTINEZ SIMMONS, MMC**  
City Clerk