

# PROCLAMATION

## "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

October 2010

*WHEREAS:* Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels. Domestic violence is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year; and

*WHEREAS:* One in three Americans has witnessed an incident of domestic violence. Children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a higher rate 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. 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, WE, the City Council of the City of Pueblo, Colorado,** by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim **October 2010,** as "**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**" in the City of Pueblo, Colorado, and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seals of the City and County of Pueblo, Colorado, to be affixed this sixteenth day of August, 2010.*

*Lawrence W. Atencio*

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President of the City Council



*Jeff Chostner*

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Chair of the Board of County Commissioners

