Proclamation

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 4 million Americans each year; and,

WHEREAS, 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 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 assistant to victims; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Henderson City Attorney's Office and Police Department participate in the Henderson Combined Community Response (HCCR), a network of community partners working together in responding to victims of violence; and,

WHEREAS, the HCCR is just one program that helps the City of Henderson foster a Safe Community;

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Henderson, Nevada, and urge all citizens to work to eliminate domestic violence in our city as we work together to achieve our Vision to be America's Premier Community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Henderson, Nevada, to be affixed this Ist day of October, 2010.

ANDY HAFEN
Mayor, City of Henderson

ATTEST:

Sabrina MERCADANTE, MMC
City Clerk