Proclamation

Recognizing

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK October 10-16, 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 4 million

Americans each year; and

WHEREAS: one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of

domestic violence; 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

assistance to victims.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, David G. Estes, Mayor of the City of Reedsburg, in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, do hereby proclaim the week of April 10-16, 2010, as *Domestic Violence Awareness Week* in the City of Reedsburg. I urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

In WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Reedsburg to be affixed this 11th day of October in the year Two Thousand and Ten.

David G. Estes, Mayor City of Reedsburg

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