

PROCLAMATION

**October, 2010 as
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**



WHEREAS, the yearly observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month focuses on increasing the public's awareness of the issue of domestic violence, recognizes the trauma experienced by victims of abuse and the enormous harm caused to children exposed to such violence; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence is deeply personal, violates an individual's health and dignity, and profoundly disturbs his or hers sense of security; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group of people, but cut across all racial, cultural, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic lines; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread in Nevada County; in that in 2009 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition served 804 victims of domestic violence, answered 1582 crisis calls on their hotline and provided 2,286 bed nights of safe shelter for 40 adults and 29 children; and

WHEREAS, in 2009/2010 more than 24% of Nevada County Victim/Witness Assistance Center's services to new crime victims were to victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Grass Valley Police Department responded to 168 calls related to domestic violence resulting in 54 arrests; and the Nevada County District Attorney's Office filed 115 criminal charges against those accused of such abuse; and

WHEREAS, the following agencies: Nevada County's Victim/Witness Assistance Center, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, Tahoe Women's Services, Nevada County District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Sheriff's Office, Child Protective Services, and the Grass Valley, Nevada City and Truckee Police Departments, are committed to working together in a collaborative effort to strengthen the Community's Coordinated Response to Domestic Violence;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City of Grass Valley City Council proclaim **October 2010, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Grass Valley** and urges all citizens to join in a coordinated community effort to put an end to domestic violence.

Lisa Swarhout, Mayor

Jan Arbuckle, Vice Mayor

Yolanda Cookson, Council Member

Dan Miller, Council Member

Chauncey Poston, Council Member