

PROCLAMATION

**DECLARING OCTOBER 2010 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become a more prevalent social problem due to the imbalance of power in gender and age; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, and societal barriers and are supported by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting men, women, children and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, STAND! Against Domestic Violence provides domestic violence services to families and individuals in Contra Costa County, serving over 2,500 clients annually; and

WHEREAS, STAND! Against Domestic Violence is a multi-service agency, providing: 24 hour crisis line, emergency and transitional shelter, legal advocacy, children and teen programs, counseling, support groups, employment training, batterer's treatment program, and educational prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, STAND! Against Domestic Violence works to raise awareness through education, so individuals will become advocates, and will take action to end violence in their communities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Kris Valstad, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council and the Hercules community, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and urge all citizens to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, in our schools, and in our communities.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 14th day of September 2010.

Kris Valstad, Mayor