



CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
CALIFORNIA

Mayor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A SERIOUS CRIME THAT AFFECTS PEOPLE OF ALL RACES, AGES, GENDERS, AND INCOME LEVELS; and
- WHEREAS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS WIDESPREAD AND AFFECTS OVER FOUR 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 ANNUALLY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COSTS THE NATION BILLIONS OF DOLLARS 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, I, MIKE ROTKIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2010 AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AND URGE OUR CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROM OUR COMMUNITY.



MIKE ROTKIN, MAYOR

Signed and Sealed this 23rd Day of September 2010