

# CITY of LA GRANDE

## PROCLAMATION

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** *October, 2010*

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime affecting people of all ages, races, gender, and income levels; and,

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four (4) million Americans each year; and,

WHEREAS, one (1) in three (3) Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and,

WHEREAS, children who 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 nonproductivity; 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, Colleen F. Johnson, Mayor of the City of La Grande, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010, as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City of La Grande, Oregon, this Twentieth (20th) day of September, 2010.

  
Colleen F. Johnson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Alexandra Norgan Lund  
City Recorder

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