

2016 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Whereas: Violence in the home against intimate partners continues to become more prevalent as a social problem that needs to be brought from behind closed doors into the public conversation, and

Whereas: Domestic Violence is not confined to any specific social or economic group or respecter of persons, but can happen to anyone at any time, and

Whereas: the crime of Domestic Violence violates the dignity, security, and humanity of victims through the use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse and control, and

Whereas: this abuse is a national crisis, with 1 in 4 people experiencing the effects of Domestic Violence in their lifetime, and

Whereas: the impact of Domestic Violence involves and affects men, women, children, communities, and society as a whole, and

Whereas: the cost of Domestic Violence reaches in the billions of dollars in medical, law enforcement, emergency responders, courts, absenteeism, and loss of productivity, and ongoing mental and physical health issues for victims and their children yearly, and

Whereas: Domestic Violence is a community-wide problem affecting all members of society. A community effort is the only way to put a stop to such a heinous crime by encouraging everyone to **TAKE A STAND** against domestic violence and **to create a culture where domestic violence is not tolerated and where society empowers victims and survivors, and holds abusers accountable.**

Whereas: the month of October provides an opportunity for our entire community to TAKE A STAND against Domestic Violence, to raise awareness by educating our community, individuals, and for organizations and individuals to establish advocacy, protection, assistance, and support for victims and survivors of Domestic Violence and their children.

Therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Craig, Colorado proclaim October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and to encourage the citizens of Craig, Colorado to TAKE A STAND and join efforts to eliminate Domestic Violence in our community during our lifetime.

In Witness Whereof: I set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Craig to be affixed on this the 11th day of October, 2016.

Ray Beck, Mayor