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PROCLAMATION

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month" October 2009

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem due to the imbalance of power due to 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, affectional preference, and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to 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 women and children and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves that have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs working toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women.



Dated this 1st Day of October 2009.

Robert L. Crowell, Mayor