



# PROCLAMATION

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2014

Whereas, the community problem of domestic violence has become a critical public health and welfare concern in Anoka County; and

Whereas, domestic violence is a crime, the commission of which will not be tolerated in Anoka County, and perpetrators of said crime are subject to prosecution and conviction in accordance with the law; and

Whereas, several thousands of women and children have and will continue to access assistance from Alexandra House, Inc., a domestic violence service provider; and

Whereas, domestic violence will be eliminated through community partnerships of concerned individuals and organizations working together to prevent abuse while at the same time effecting social and legal change; and

Whereas, October is *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*; and

Whereas, during *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month* Anoka County organizations will inform area residents about domestic violence, its prevalence, consequences and what we, as a concerned community, can do to eliminate its existence, including supporting their annual *Walk for Hope: Steps to End Domestic and Sexual Violence* on Saturday, September 27, 2014, at Bunker Hills Regional Park.

Now, therefore, I, Tim Howe, Mayor of the City of Coon Rapids, on behalf of the City Council and citizens of our City, officially proclaim October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Coon Rapids.

Proclaimed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

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Tim Howe, Mayor

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Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk