

PROCLAMATION

IT'S TIME TO TALK DAY OCTOBER 15, 2008 AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic and economic groups in our city; and,

WHEREAS, domestic violence is one of the most pervasive problems in our society; and,

WHEREAS, open discussion is the first step in promoting healthy relationships and overcoming domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence and their partners have established "It's Time to Talk Day" on October 15, 2008; and the month of October is established each year nationally as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, Radio Bloomington, local Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence members, the YWCA of McLean County and many other community organizations are co-sponsoring "It's Time to Talk Day: activities to raise awareness throughout local communities as a lead into October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month";

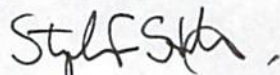
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen F. Stockton, Mayor of Bloomington, Illinois do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 15, 2008 as

"IT'S TIME TO TALK DAY"

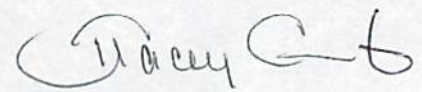
And the month of October, 2008 as

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Bloomington, and urge all citizens of Bloomington to take a moment to talk to their children about healthy relationships, to remind those in abusive relationships that they are not alone and that help is available, and to encourage the development of domestic violence policies in the workplace.


Stephen F. Stockton
Mayor




Tracey Covert
City Clerk