

**PROCLAMATION
TURN OFF THE VIOLENCE
October 8, 1998**

WHEREAS, too much violence exists in our community and in our schools; and

WHEREAS, more people in our community are erroneously starting to believe that violence is an ordinary way of resolving conflict, and;

WHEREAS, conflict comes in many forms, including gang violence, family violence, hate crimes, playground violence, physical violence, sexual violence, verbal violence, and violence in music, and;

WHEREAS, we are exposed to a considerable amount of violence on television with numerous studies showing that exposure of our children to television violence desensitizes our children and ourselves to aggressive behavior, crime, and all forms of violence in our society, and;

WHEREAS research reveals that by the age of eighteen, the average child has witnessed on television more than 200,000 acts of violence, including 18,000 simulated murders, and;

WHEREAS, heavy exposure to violence is one of many causes of aggressive behavior, crime and violence in our community, and;

WHEREAS, more than 884 crimes of violence were prosecuted in Larimer County District Courts last year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Thursday, October 8, 1998, is hereby designated as **TURN OFF THE VIOLENCE DAY** for the purpose of encouraging our community to resolve conflict by communicating, listening, and talking; by supporting, trusting, and respecting each other; by spending time together and affirming with praise; by strengthening our families through clear rules and high values; by using positive non-violent ways to resolve conflict; and by being aware of and being selective concerning our choices in entertainment.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 1998.

TOWN OF BERTHOUD

By: 
Richard D. Stackhouse
Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary K. Cowdin
Town Clerk