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TURN OFF THE VIOLENCE October 12, 1995

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, too many people in our community believe that violence is an ordinary way of resolving conflict, 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 500 crimes of violence were prosecuted in Larimer County District Courts last year,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1995, 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 selective concerning our choices in entertainment.



Richard Strachan, Mayor