

*Proclamation Designating*

*April 2010 as*

*“Alcohol Awareness Month in Alamosa, Colorado”*

*Whereas, an estimated 126.8 million people in the United States, 12 years of age and older, report being current alcohol drinkers; and,*

*Whereas, an estimated 17 million people report heavy alcohol use and among heavy drinkers, 31.3 percent were current illicit drug users; and,*

*Whereas, Colorado ranks fifth in the nation on alcohol dependency; and*

*Whereas, in Colorado there is an estimated 253, 400 substance abusers 12 years of age and older; and,*

*Whereas, alcohol is a factor in four leading causes of death among persons ages 10 to 24: motor vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide, and suicide; and,*

*Whereas, alcohol abuse is a significant health, social, public safety and economic problem; and*

*Whereas, it is more economical to prevent or treat alcohol addiction than to deal with the impact on the individual and society; and,*

*Whereas, alcohol abuse and addiction are preventable and treatable health related issues.*

*Now, therefore, I Kathy Rogers, Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me, and the City Council of the City of Alamosa, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as “Alcohol Awareness Month”.*

*Mayor, Kathy Rogers : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_*