

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, Across America, law enforcement officers, volunteers, parents, and teachers are helping to send the right message to our Nation's youth about illegal drugs and violence through the **Drug Abuse Resistance Education** (D.A.R.E.) Program. On National D.A.R.E. Day, we express our gratitude for the important work of these individuals and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that every child has an opportunity for a bright and hopeful future; and

WHEREAS, For over two decades, D.A.R.E. programs have taught our Nation's young people about the dangers of drug use and encouraged them to lead productive, drug free, and violence free lives. Police officers and all those involved in D.A.R.E. help save lives by opening the lines of communication between law enforcement and our young people to better enable them to make the right choices; and

WHEREAS, In a culture in which bad influences and temptations are all too present, these soldiers in the armies of compassion are fostering a culture of responsibility among young people. Northwood will continue to stand with families and communities to combat the dangers of drugs and violence. We are helping educate young people about the dangers of illicit drug use. The decisions our children make today will affect their health and character for the rest of their lives. By giving them the tools they need to make the right choices, D.A.R.E. programs help prepare our Nation's young people for the promising future our Nation holds for each of them; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Stoner, Mayor of the City of Northwood call upon all citizens of Northwood to observe April 8, 2010, as

“NATIONAL D.A.R.E. DAY”

WHEREAS, I call upon Americans, particularly our youth, to help fight drug use in our communities, and I urge our citizens to show their appreciation for the law enforcement officials, volunteers, teachers and all those who dedicate themselves to helping our children avoid drugs and violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I here-
Unto set my hand, and caused the
Great Seal of the City of Northwood
To be affixed this 25th day of March, 2010

**Mark A. Stoner, Mayor
City of Northwood, Ohio**