



**PROCLAMATION
MENTORING MONTH**

WHEREAS, the goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality mentoring into their efforts;

WHEREAS, a mentor is a caring person who is consistently present and who devotes time to a young person to help that young person discover personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship;

WHEREAS, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas. Mentoring programs have also shown to be effective in combating school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration and truancy. Research shows that youth who participate in a mentoring relationship finish high school and continue on to college and are more likely to graduate, and

WHEREAS, La Vista City leaders are calling upon the public to observe this month to recognize the men and women who serve as staff and volunteer at quality mentoring programs, and the young people who find inner strength and reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas Kindig, Mayor of the City of La Vista, do hereby proclaim January, 2015, as **MENTORING MONTH** in the City of La Vista, Nebraska.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of La Vista to be affixed this 20th day of January, 2015.



Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk