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Violence doesn't solve the problem

"Never strike a woman, not even with the petal of a rose." Those are lines written by the most famous Mexican poet of his time, if not all time: Amado Nervo.

Such a tender approach about how to treat a woman would be welcome nowadays, when we consider the frequent reports of domestic violence and how prevalent it is in our society.

It seems that some men consider it to be their prerogative to abuse women physically, as well as mentally and verbally. In the process, not only do they injure them, they may even destroy what could be a source of support and understanding in a moment of need.

Apparently, many individuals feel quite inadequate, as well as frustrated, for their shortcomings in dealing with daily problems. To make up for those inadequacies, they try to find a place where they can pour their anger and frustration, and they find that in a woman, who, in most instances, ends up injured and in fear for her life.

The problem becomes more significant when there are children in the family, and they witness the violence that is taking place. They may feel that it is the thing to do, and they try — in the future — to put into action what they have learned from their fathers.

We must make a strong effort to control domestic violence and try to eliminate it.

Let us men join forces now through June 24 and make a commitment to assist LEVI (Longmont Ending Violence Initiative) in its program to eliminate domestic violence. Join me in wearing a white ribbon to show our desire to end all violence against women. Pick up your white ribbons at the Longmont Police Department or the Daily Times-Call.

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