

Perry County, Arkansas  
Office of the County Judge  
City of Perryville, Arkansas  
Office of the Mayor

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, dating violence is a reality for many young people, and an issue of which many are unaware; and

**WHEREAS**, one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating violence, with one in five in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner, and breakups can be a time of even greater risk even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and

**WHEREAS**, young people can choose better relationships when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Dating Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in recognition of the important work done by dating violence programs, Baylor House, Perry County Judge, and, Howard Porter, Mayor of the City of Perryville, by the power vested in them to hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 as:

**"DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"**

in Perry County and the City of Perryville and in so doing, urge all citizens of Perry County and the City of Perryville to become aware of dating violence and abuse in our community, active to break the cycle of abuse and educated for prevention, working toward just and equitable rights for teens who are victims of dating violence.



In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Baylor House  
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Howard Porter  
Howard Porter  
Attest: Rachel Richardson  
Date: 1-26-2010