

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME – GREETINGS

- Whereas,* Dating violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue that many parents are unaware of; 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 & Prevention 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;

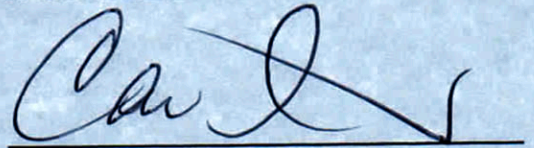
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carl A. Redus, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as:

“DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Pine Bluff and in so doing call upon all citizens to join in recognizing this special acknowledgement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF TO BE AFFIXED ON THIS DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND TEN.




MAYOR