

*City of Westminster, Colorado*

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, dating violence is a reality for many youth, an issue about which many of them 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 they have been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner, and breakups can be a time of even greater risk even if the relationship was never physically abusive; and

**WHEREAS**, young people can make better choices when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect, and they 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

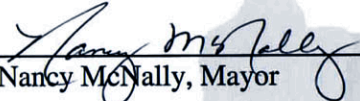
**WHEREAS**, Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy McNally, Mayor of the City of Westminster**, on behalf of the entire City Council and Staff, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010, to be

### **DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

in the City of Westminster, Colorado.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2010.

  
Nancy McNally, Mayor



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