TOWN OF FRANKLIN

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Town of Franklin PROCLAMATION Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month February, 2010

<u>Whereas</u>, dating violence is a reality for many youth and, at the same time, an issue about which many are unaware;

<u>Whereas</u>, statistics indicate that one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating violence;

<u>Whereas</u>, young people can choose better relationships when they understandt hat healthy relationships are based on respect, and when they learn to identify early warning signs of violence;

<u>Whereas</u>, a month dedicated to awareness of dating violence provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing it;

Now, Therefore, I, the First Selectman, do proclaim the month of February, 2010, to be Dating Violence & Prevention Month in the Town of Franklin.

Richard L. Matters, First Selectman

Dated this 18th Day of February, 2010 at Franklin, Connecticut. The Town of Franklin is an equal opportunity provider and employer.