

## TOWN OF GUILFORD

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THE OLD STONE HOUSE PROCLAMATION

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Whereas, dating violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue that many are unaware of; and

Whereas, 1 in 3 young people are affected by physical, sexual or verbal dating violence, with 1 in 5 in a serious relationship reporting have 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, We the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Guilford, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010, as Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month in the Town of Guilford, Connecticut.

In Witness Whereof, we hereunto set our hands and cause the seal of the Town of Guilford to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2010.

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