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**TOWN OF STERLING, CONNECTICUT
PROCLAMATION FOR DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
Adopted by Sterling Board of Selectmen on January 27, 2010**

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 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 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 and 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 BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Russell M. Gray, First Selectman of the Town of Sterling, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 as Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month in the Town of Sterling.