

# Proclamation

## City of Palm Bay, Florida

**NOTICE AND PROCLAMATION OF  
DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
February 2010**

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

**WHEREAS**, dating violence is a reality for many young people, 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 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

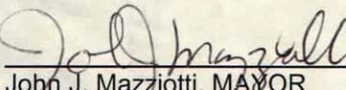
**WHEREAS**, Dating Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

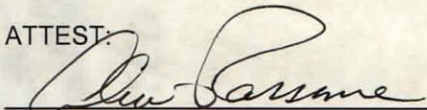
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John J. Mazziotti, Mayor of the City of Palm Bay, by virtue of the authority of said office, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as:

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and urge the citizens of Palm Bay to actively participate and work toward the elimination of dating violence.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Palm Bay to be affixed this Eleventh day of January Two Thousand Ten.

  
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John J. Mazziotti, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
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Alice Passmore, CITY CLERK

