

# Proclamation

## Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

*WHEREAS, dating violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue that many are unaware of; 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 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 relationship when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationships; 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 be it proclaimed that I Mayor Carol M. McCormack and the Town Council of the Town of Palm Shores do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 as:*

### DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH



*WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Palm Shores to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2010.*

*Carol M. McCormack*

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Mayor

ATTEST:

*Patricia J. Burke*

Patricia J. Burke, CMC  
Town Clerk