

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, dating violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue of which many are unaware; 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. 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,

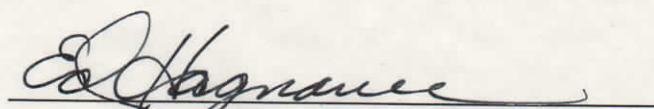
WHEREAS, remaining silent about teen dating violence sends a message that it is acceptable, but by working together we can prevent this deplorable behavior, and,

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, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ed Hagnauer, Mayor of the City of Granite City, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of **February, 2010**, as **Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month** in Granite City, Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Granite City, Illinois to be affixed on this 1st day of February, 2010.




Ed Hagnauer, Mayor