



Proclamation

Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month

February 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

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 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;

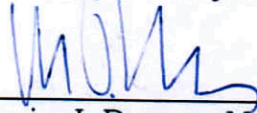
Now Therefore, I, Kevin J. Dumas, Mayor of the City of Attleboro, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 to be

Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month in Attleboro

and do encourage all Attleboro residents to increase their understanding and awareness of the effects of dating violence on the youth in our schools, community and the effect it has on society as a whole.



Signed and sealed this 1st day of
February in the year 2010



Kevin J. Dumas, Mayor