

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John Lynch, Governor

A Proclamation

**DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS &
PREVENTION MONTH
FEBRUARY 2010**

WHEREAS, Dating violence is a reality for many young people 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. The end of a relationship 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 when they learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and

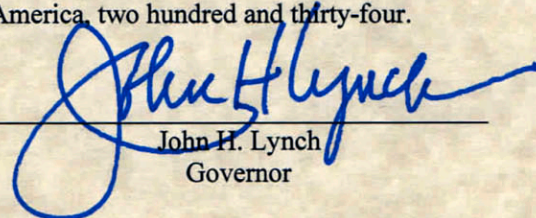
WHEREAS, Elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations and communities; and

WHEREAS, **DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH** provides 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 H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **FEBRUARY 2010** as **DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH** in New Hampshire and encourage all citizens to help eliminate dating and relationship violence.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 12th day of February, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and ten, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-four.


John H. Lynch
Governor