





## Dating Violence Awareness Month

**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**, 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 t 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, Mayor Mary Heveran, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010 as Dating Violence Awareness Month in the Borough of Leonia.

February 17, 2010

Mayor Mary Heveran





