

PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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 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, Dating Violence Awareness 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, Arthur Clark Smith, Mayor of the City of Lordsburg, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010 as

"Dating Violence Month "

in Lordsburg, New Mexico and urge all citizens to help promote awareness of dating violence .

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 4th day of February, 2010.

Attest:

Jose A. Galvan

Arthur Clark Smith

Mayor

