

PROCLAMATION OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

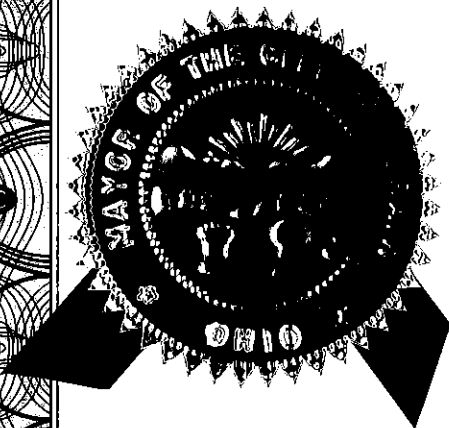
WHEREAS, one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual or verbal dating violence, with one in five in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner, and breakups can be a time of even greater risk even when a relationship was never 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 and 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, Tony Krasienko, Mayor of the City of Lorain, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010, as Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and I urge all Americans to respond to and work toward ending dating violence by supporting their communities' efforts to empower teens and young adults to develop healthier relationships. I encourage community leaders to assist victims in finding and accessing the resources they need, to develop a comprehensive response to dating violence in schools and to engage in discussions with adult and youth community members to promote awareness and prevention of the quiet but heinous crime of teen and young adult dating violence in their communities



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of the City of Lorain to be affixed this 12th day of February, Two Thousand Ten.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. M. Krasienko".

Tony Krasienko, Mayor
City of Lorain, State of Ohio