

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Toledo

WHEREAS, as Mayor of the City of Toledo, it is my privilege and responsibility to recognize those groups who have made outstanding achievements that reflect on the well-being and growth of the Toledo community and its citizens; and

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 and verbal dating violence, with 1 in 5 in serious relationships having reported being slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner with breakups resulting in an even greater risk of harm 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 the 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 the victims of dating abuse.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael P. Bell, the Honorable Mayor of the City of Toledo, do hereby proclaim the Month of February 2010 as

Dating, Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

in the City of Toledo and the start of the year-round effort to promote dating awareness, and do urge all citizens who date to be smart and be safe and practice self restraint.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Toledo to be affixed here to this 23rd day February 2010.

Michael P. Bell
Mayor