

Proclamation



City of Tahlequah Office of the Mayor

Whereas, for many young people, dating violence is a reality, and an issue that many parents 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

Whereas, when young people understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship, then they can choose better relationships; and

Whereas, through the cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities, we can eliminate dating violence; and

Whereas, Dating Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

Now, therefore, I, Ken Purdy, with the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tahlequah, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 as

“Dating Violence Awareness Month”

in the City of Tahlequah, and urge the citizens of our community to participate in programs and activities available to learn more about dating violence and what can be done to aid in its prevention in the future.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Tahlequah to be affixed this 3rd day of February 2010.

Ken Purdy, Mayor