



## CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
GABRIEL J. CAMPANA

### MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

*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, 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 of the Williamsport Area 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, GABRIEL J. CAMPANA, MAYOR OF WILLIAMSPORT, do hereby proclaim, the month of February as:*

### **DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

*in the City of Williamsport and urge all who are in relationships and their family and friends to be alert of the signs of dating violence.*

*AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proclamation is set to my hand and seal this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten.*

(Signed)   
Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor