Office of the Mayor City of Allen

Proclamation

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,

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, Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations who provide assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN TERRELL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALLEN, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, proclaim February 2010 as:

"Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month"

in Allen, Texas, and I urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event and participate in all the events related thereto in this community.

Stephen Terrell, MAYOR