



Proclamation

WHEREAS, dating violence and abuse is a crime that impacts men, women and our youth every day, yet the problem is often overlooked, excused, or denied; and

WHEREAS, dating abuse often escalates from threats and verbal abuse to physical violence and even murder, leaving emotional and psychological scars; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating violence and 1 in 5 people being in a serious relationship reported having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner; and

WHEREAS, no one deserves this kind of pain and the first step to breaking free is recognizing that your relationship is abusive and rededicating ourselves to breaking the cycle; 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 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, TOM LEPPERT, mayor of the city of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 as

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Dallas, Texas.



Mayor, The City of Dallas

