

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, dating violence is a reality of 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 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 and Prevention Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dean Hensel, Mayor of the Town of Wheatland do proclaim, February, 2010 as:

### DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

an urge all citizens to respond and work toward ending teen dating violence by supporting all efforts to empower teens to develop healthier relationships and assist victims in finding the resources they need, creating policies in schools and engaging in discussions with family members and peers to promote awareness and prevention of the crime of teen dating violence in our community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

  
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Mayor, Dean Hensel

