



Froclamation:

WHEREAS, dating violence is a reality for many youth, 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 1 in 5 in a serious relationship reporting having being slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner; 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 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, JAMES M. BAKER, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 as

Dating Violence Awareness Month

and encourage all citizens to participate in programs and activities that promote prevention and awareness of dating violence.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal of Office this <u>1st</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2010.

Mayor

ATTEST: Maribel Ruiz