

**CITY OF LAKE CITY, IOWA
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 young people 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,

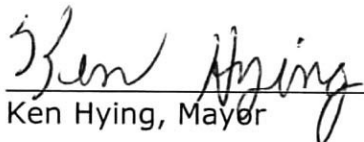
WHEREAS, Dating Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

NOW THEREFORE I, Ken Hying, Mayor of Lake City, Iowa, by virtue of the authority of said office do hereby proclaim February 2010, as

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

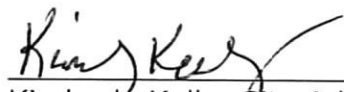
and urge the citizens of Lake City to actively participate and work towards the elimination of dating violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Lake City to be affixed this 19th day of January, 2010.



Ken Hying, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kimberly Kelly, City Administrator