

CITY OF MADISON 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 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

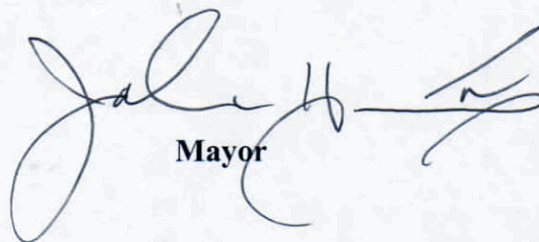
WHEREAS, Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Madison, does hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010, as Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month in Madison, Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Madison to be affixed.

Done at Madison City Hall, this 16th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Ten.




Mayor