

Proclamation

Village of Morton Grove

WHEREAS, dating violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue that many are unaware of; and

WHEREAS, one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating violence, with one in five 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 healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and

WHEREAS, elimination of dating violence can 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 to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, and assistance to victims.

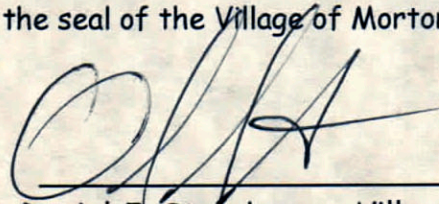
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. Staackmann, Mayor of the Village of Morton Grove do hereby proclaim February 2010, as

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

In Morton Grove in order to bring attention to the serious issue of dating violence, which has been ignored for far too long, and to encourage all citizens to learn what they can do to prevent it.

In witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of Morton Grove.




Daniel J. Staackmann, Village President