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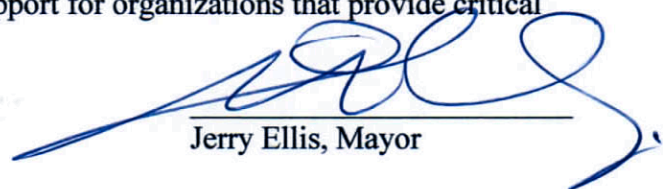
Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

February 2010

- WHEREAS,** studies have found that one in five teenagers in a serious relationship reported that they have been hit, slapped or pushed by a partner; and
- WHEREAS,** one in four teenagers have been in a relationship where a partner has been verbally abusive toward them; and
- WHEREAS,** thirty percent of teenagers in a dating relationship have received text messages throughout the day by a partner attempting to find out where they are, what they are doing or who they are with; and
- WHEREAS,** twenty-nine percent of teenage girls who have been in a relationship said that they have been pressured to have sex or engage in sexual activities that they did not want; and
- WHEREAS,** sixty-nine percent of all teenagers who had sex by the age of 14 said that they have experienced abuse, either verbal or physical, while in a relationship; and
- WHEREAS,** the severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to be greater in cases where patterns of violence were established during adolescence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jerry Ellis, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in the City of Farmington Hills and encourage citizens to learn more about preventing teen dating violence and show support for organizations that provide critical advocacy, service, and assistance to victims.




Jerry Ellis, Mayor