



****PROCLAMATION****

Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover recognize that dating violence is a reality for many young people, and an issue that many are unaware of; and

Whereas, it has been reported that 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 at a time or even greater risk even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover believe 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

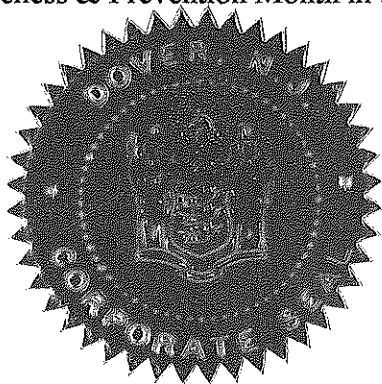
Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover find that elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and

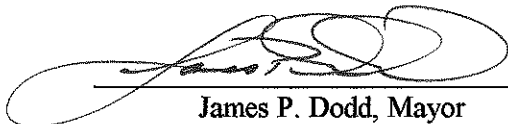
Whereas, the citizens of Dover deserve no less than our full support to eliminate dating violence; and

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; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen recognize that the need to protect our young people and to prevent this violence.

Now therefore be it resolved, that I, James P. Dodd, Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010, as Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month in the Town of Dover.




James P. Dodd, Mayor