

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating violence and one in five are in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner. Breakups can be a time of even greater risk, even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and

WHEREAS, when young people understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship, they will choose better relationships; and

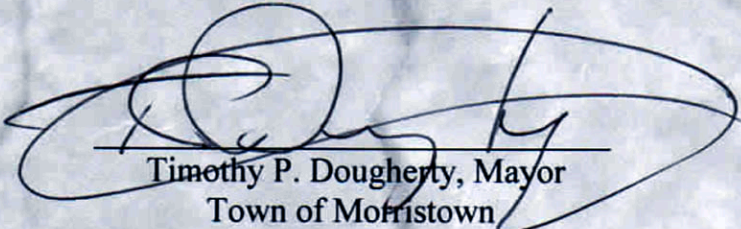
WHEREAS, elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy P. Dougherty, Mayor of the Town of Morristown, on behalf of all the citizens do hereby proclaim February 2010 as

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

in the Town of Morristown. I encourage residents, community leaders, educators and parents 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




Timothy P. Dougherty, Mayor
Town of Morristown