



Village of Port Chester
New York

Official Proclamation

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 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 the 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, services and assistance to the victims.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: That I, Dennis G. Pilla, Mayor of the Village of Port Chester, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and our entire community, do hereby proclaim that henceforth the month of February 2010 shall be recognized as:

“DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH”

in the Village of Port Chester, New York.

Dated Port Chester, N.Y. February 5, 2010

Mayor