



**Town of Little Compton
Town Hall
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Proclamation

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

Whereas, 1 in 3 young people is 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 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 cooperation of individuals, organization, and communities; and

Whereas, Dating Violence Awareness Months 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island does hereby proclaim, February, 2010 as **Dating Violence Awareness Month** in the Town of Little Compton and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.

In Witness Whereof:



Robert L. Mushen, President
Little Compton Town Council