

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

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

WHEREAS, 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 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, organizations, and communities; 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown does hereby proclaim the month of February as **DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH** in the Town of South Kingstown, and call upon all citizens to recognize the importance of this month.

WITNESS, my hand and the official seal of the Town of South Kingstown, County of Washington, State of Rhode Island, this 22nd day of February, 2010.



Kathleen A. Fogarty
Kathleen A. Fogarty, Town Council President

ATTEST: *Dale S. Holberton*
Dale S. Holberton, CMC, Town Clerk