

# Proclamation



**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 and 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,** I, William D. Swails, Mayor of the Town of Mount Pleasant, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010, as

**DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH**



**William D. Swails, Mayor  
TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT**