



MAYOR DAVE MUNSON
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Proclamation

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

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;

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;

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

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 victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Munson, Mayor of the City of Sioux Falls, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as:

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Sioux Falls.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sioux Falls to be affixed this 9th day of February, 2010.

Dave Munson, Mayor