

MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT



PROCLAMATION

By The County Mayor

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

WHEREAS, *one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual or verbal dating violence; one in five that are in a serious relationship have reported being slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner; and during a breakup the risk is even greater even when the 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*

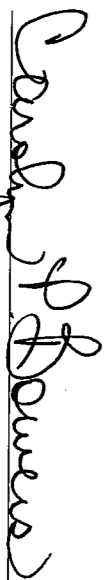
WHEREAS, *elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and*

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, I, CAROLYN BOWERS, Mayor of Montgomery County, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010, as

“DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH”

and urge all citizens to join in the effort to raise local and national awareness of dating abuse and healthy relationships with young people.



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