

# 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 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, Dan Heckler, Mayor of the City of Boerne, Texas, do hereby declare **February, 2010**, to be

## DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

in Boerne, Texas, and do hereby urge all the citizens of our community to aid, in any way possible, this cause

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Boerne, to be affixed this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

  
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Dan Heckler, Mayor

