

# TOWN OF VINTON

# PROCLAMATION



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

**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,

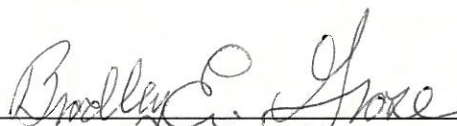
**WHEREAS,** young people can choose better relationships when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and,

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

**WHEREAS** Dating Violence Awareness 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, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Bradley E. Grose, Mayor of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010, as Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in the Town of Vinton.

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

  
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Bradley E. Grose, Mayor