

**TOWN OF UPTON
PROCLAMATION #1, 2010**

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

WHEREAS, one in three young people in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner, 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; 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, eliminating of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and


WHEREAS, the establishment of Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit teens, their families, schools, and communities regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnicity, or gender;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA LEVASSEUR, VICE-MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF UPTON, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH



Vice-Mayor



Date