

Proclamation

WHEREAS, dating violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue that many are unaware of; 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 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 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, we, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010 as:

"DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico.


Sharon K. Thomas, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:


Esther Martinez, City Clerk

