

CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH
February 2010

Whereas, dating violence is generally an unspoken problem, but a reality for many youth, and is only now beginning to receive attention; and,

Whereas, 81 percent of parents believe teen dating violence is not an issue; 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,

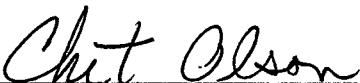
Whereas, young people can choose better relationships when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and,

Whereas, children are extremely impressionable, and elimination of dating violence can only 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 and that by working together we can prevent this deplorable behavior.

Now therefore, I, Chet Olson, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby join other mayors and governors across our country to proclaim the month of February, 2010, as **Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month** in the City of Rochelle, Illinois in order to shed light on this serious issue, to encourage young people to seek guidance or protection at the earliest signs of dating violence, and to educate themselves in order to prevent it.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Rochelle to be affixed this 8th day of February in the year Two Thousand Ten.



Chet Olson, Mayor

Attest:



Bruce W. McKinney, CMC
City Clerk

