



Office of the Mayor
City of Camden, New Jersey

PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of

Dating Violence Awareness
and
Prevention Month

WHEREAS, dating violence is a reality for many young people, 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, Dana L. Redd, Mayor of the City of Camden, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010, as *Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month*.

Dana L. Redd

Honorable Dana L. Redd, Mayor

February 2010