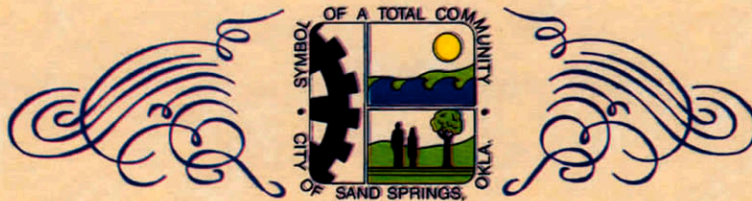


The City  
Of

# Sand Springs, Oklahoma



## Mayoral Proclamation

**WHEREAS** dating violence is a reality for many youth in our community and state, and an issue that many people are not aware of;

**WHEREAS** around 1 in 3 young people nationally have reported physical, verbal, emotional or sexual abuse in a dating relationship, and around 1 in 5 young people nationally have reported being slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner in a serious relationship;


**WHEREAS** the potential for physical and emotional harm is significant when relationships break up – even if there was never any previous threat of such harm during the relationship;

**WHEREAS** young people can develop healthier relationships by understanding the need for mutual respect and by recognizing the warning signs of an abusive relationship; and

**WHEREAS** the elimination of dating violence must be achieved through the cooperative efforts of individuals, organizations and communities – and through educational resources such as [stopdatingviolence.org](http://stopdatingviolence.org);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert L. Walker, as Mayor of the City of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, do hereby declare the month of February, 2010, to be "Dating Violence Awareness Month;" and urge all citizens, and especially young people, 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 dating violence victims.



  
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Mayor