

**TOWN OF RICHMOND
TOWN COUNCIL PROCLAMATION**

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS 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 is affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating violence, with 1 in 5 in a serious relationship reporting have been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner; and

WHEREAS, 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

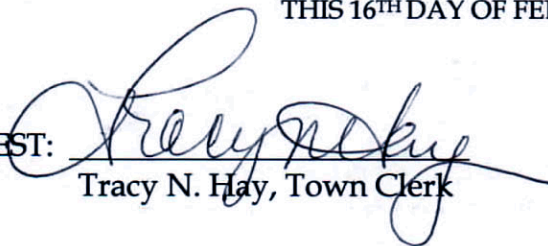
WHEREAS, elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and

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, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of Richmond does hereby proclaim **February 2010 as Dating Violence Awareness Month.**

GIVEN UNDER THE SEAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND
THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010

ATTEST:


Tracy N. Hay, Town Clerk

