

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FANNIN §

CITY OF BONHAM §

## *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.


**NOW, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONHAM, TEXAS, AND IN RECOGNITION HERewith, I OFFICIALLY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE the month of February, 2010 as**

### *Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention*

Month in Bonham, Texas and urge all 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.

**HEREUNTO I SET MY HAND AND CAUSE THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF BONHAM, TEXAS TO BE AFFIXED** on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2010.



  
ROY V. FLOYD, Mayor