

PROCLAMATION FOR DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN  
BRISTOL, VIRGINIA.

WHEREAS, dating violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue that many are unaware of; and

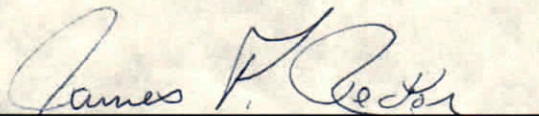
WHEREAS, 1 in 3 young people are affected by physical, sexual or verbal dating violence, with 1 in 5 in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner, and breakups can be a time of even greater risk when a relationship was never physically abusive; 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, James F. Rector, Mayor of the City of Bristol, Virginia do hereby proclaim that the month of February, 2010 is hereby designated as Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month.

  
James F. Rector, Mayor  
City of Bristol, Virginia

