



## TOWN OF OXFORD

By the Honorable Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, First Selectman: a

### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, dating violence is both a reality for many young people and an issue that many are unaware of; and

**WHEREAS**, one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating violence, one in five in a serious relationship have reported being slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by their partner, and breakups are a time of 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

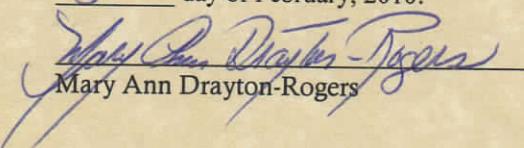
**WHEREAS**, elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and

**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**, I, Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, First Selectman of the Town of Oxford, do hereby officially proclaim the month of February 2010 as

### DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Oxford to be affixed on this 3rd day of February, 2010.

  
Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers