



**PROCLAMATION  
DATING VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH  
February 2010**

**WHEREAS**, dating violence is a 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

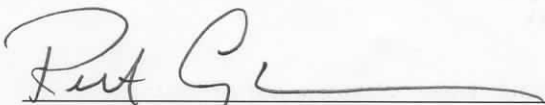
**WHEREAS**, young people can choose better relationships when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and

**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, Robert Congdon, by virtue of the authority vested in me as First Selectman for the Town of Preston, Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of February 2010, as

**DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

  
Robert Congdon  
First Selectman

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2010