

# The City of Leominster



## Proclamation

*From the Mayor of the City of Leominster*

### ***Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month February 2010***

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

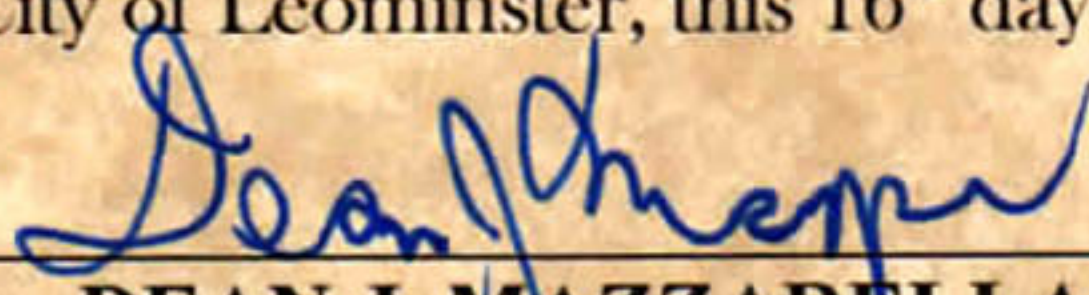
WHEREAS, 1 in 3 young people are affected by physical, sexual or verbal dating violence, with 1 in 5 in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner, and breakups can be a time of even greater risk even when a relationship was never physically 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 & 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, Mayor Dean J. Mazzarella of the City of Leominster do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 as **Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month** in the city of Leominster and call upon all citizens to observe the day with appropriate programs and activities, IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of Leominster, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2010.

  
DEAN J. MAZZARELLA  
Mayor, City of Leominster