

# City of Roanoke Rapids

## Office of the Mayor



### PROCLAMATION

#### DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

**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 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 and 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, Emery G. Doughtie, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as "**DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH**" in the City of Roanoke Rapids.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2010

  
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Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor