

THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO



PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH FEBRUARY 2010

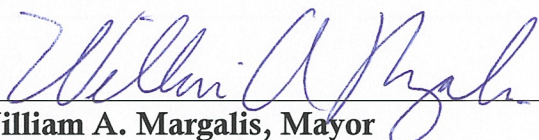
Teen dating violence is a reality for many youth and an issue that many parents are unaware of. One in three young people are affected by physical, sexual or verbal dating violence, with one in five in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened, or coerced by a partner, and breakups can be a time of even greater risk even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and

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

Elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and

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, WILLIAM MARGALIS, Mayor of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio, do hereby recognize the month of February 2010 as Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in the City of Wickliffe.



William A. Margalis, Mayor