



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, dating violence is 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, 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

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsboro Youth Advisory Council is creating two public service announcements on dating violence that will air on KUIK radio, including one in Spanish.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED** that I, Jerry Willey, Mayor of the City of Hillsboro, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 as

### **DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Hillsboro and urge all citizens to talk to their teenagers about dating violence.



Jerry W. Willey, Mayor  
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