

**CITY of LA GRANDE  
PROCLAMATION**

***DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS and PREVENTION MONTH  
February, 2010***

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

WHEREAS, breakups can be a time of even greater risk, even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and,

WHEREAS, young people can make better choices when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and when they learn to identify the 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, Colleen F. Johnson, Mayor of the City of La Grande, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010, as *DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS and PREVENTION MONTH* in the City of La Grande, Oregon, and urge all citizens to observe this month by supporting and applauding those who are working to address dating violence in our community and by participating in community efforts to increase public understanding of this important issue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City of La Grande, Oregon, this Eighth (8th) day of February, 2010.



  
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Colleen F. Johnson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Alexandra Norgan Lund  
City Recorder