

*WHEREAS, the City of Pawtucket seeking to provide all of its citizens with a safe, nurturing environment in which to live and work; and*

*WHEREAS, the problem of dating violence is growing in our nation and jeopardizing personal safety of our youth; and*

*WHEREAS, dating violence includes sexual assaults, rape, verbal and physical abuse, harassment and all other forms of violent behavior; and*

*WHEREAS, 1 in 3 young people are affected by dating violence and 1 in 5 have been physically assaulted; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Pawtucket believes it has a responsibility to encourage nonviolent behavior and should make every effort to prevent dating violence through increased community awareness; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Pawtucket believes it is each person's right to feel secure.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR JAMES E. DOYLE, ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR CITIZENS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2010 AS***

## ***DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH***

***IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE BY DOING THEIR PART TO END DATING VIOLENCE.***

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***James E. Doyle, Mayor of Pawtucket***