

SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT



PROCLAMATION

By The Mayor

- 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; and
- WHEREAS,** as we observe Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, we should strive to make our community one where everyone can thrive, live, and learn to be responsible citizens in an environment of security and love.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Joe S. Ford, Mayor of Shelby County, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 to be:

DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

in Shelby County, and urge all citizens to help protect our children from abuse and encourage all to work together to create strong, healthy communities.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Shelby County to be affixed this 1st day of February 2010.

JOE S. FORD
MAYOR OF SHELBY COUNTY