

Proclamation



City of Tahlequah

Office of the Mayor

Whereas, domestic violence is increasingly recognized as a serious and prevalent crime within our society, bringing national attention to these behaviors that destroy individual lives and entire families; and while this form of abuse sadly continues, it is also prevalent among adolescents as they begin dating and can last into and throughout adulthood; and

Whereas, teen dating violence – including physical, emotional and sexual assault, or harassment via texting, email or instant messaging – is a reality for many teenagers, and one of which many parents and guardians are unaware; and

Whereas, dating violence involves physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, economic, technological or other abusive behavior committed by a person intending to harm, threaten, intimidate, harass, coerce, control, isolate, restrain or monitor another person with whom they have or have had a dating relationship; and

Whereas, through the cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities, we can eliminate dating violence; and

Whereas, Dating Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

Now, therefore, I, Jason Nichols, with the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tahlequah, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2014 as

“National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month”

in the City of Tahlequah, and urge the citizens of our community to participate in programs and activities available to learn more about dating violence and what can be done to aid in its prevention in the future.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Tahlequah to be affixed this 4th day of February 2014.

Jason Nichols, Mayor