

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK ***

WHEREAS, teen dating violence crosses race, gender, and socioeconomic lines; and

WHEREAS, 40 percent of teens know someone who has been physically, sexually, or verbally abusive in a dating relationship; and

WHEREAS, only 33 percent of teens report being physically abused or sexually abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, females ages 16-24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group – at a rate almost triple the national average; and

WHEREAS, violent relationships during adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims, including placing them at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult revictimization; and

WHEREAS, the severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to increase if the pattern was established in adolescence; and

WHEREAS, 81 percent of parents surveyed either believe dating violence is not a problem or admit they do not know it is a problem; and

WHEREAS, early prevention and intervention with youth increases the likelihood that they will grow into young adults with healthy beliefs about intimate relationships; and

WHEREAS, effective prevention models that target youth before they start dating must continue to be supported.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 1-7, 2010 as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirteenth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth.

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

