



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: One in eleven adolescents reports being a victim of physical dating violence; and

WHEREAS: One in five teens in a serious relationship reports they have been hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner; and

WHEREAS: More than one in four teens have been in a relationship where their partner verbally abuses them; and

WHEREAS: Twenty-nine percent of girls who have been in a relationship said they have been pressured to have sex or engage in sex they did not want; and

WHEREAS: Nearly fifty percent of girls worry that their partner would break up with them if they did not agree to engage in sex; and

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

WHEREAS: Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month provides an opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous individuals and organizations that provide critical advocacy services and assistance to victims.

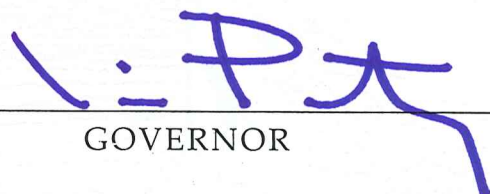
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010, as:

### TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage private organizations and public officials to promote activities that raise awareness of the high incidence of teen dating violence, and prevention strategies.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State the one hundred fifty-first.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE