



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, dating violence is a reality for many young people and an issue that many may be unaware of; and

WHEREAS, one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual or verbal dating violence, with one in five who are in a serious relationship reporting having been assaulted, threatened or coerced by a partner; and

WHEREAS, young people can make better decisions when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and when they learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and

WHEREAS, elimination of dating violence must be achieved through the cooperative efforts of individuals, organizations and communities; and


WHEREAS, Dating Violence Awareness 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 to be

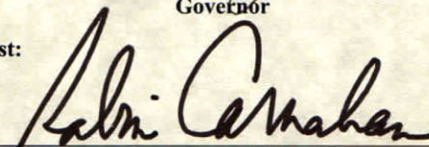
DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN MISSOURI

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 2nd day of February, 2010.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State