

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

In Recognition Of

**Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in Ohio**

February, 2010

Teen dating violence is a reality for many teenagers, and an issue that many parents are unaware of; and,

1 in 3 teenagers is affected by dating violence; and,

Dating violence can be physical, sexual, or verbal and nearly 1 in 5 teenagers in a serious relationship has reported being slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner; and,

Elimination of teen dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and,

Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing teen dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims; and,

**THEREFORE, I, TED STRICKLAND**, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize the month of February, 2010, as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in Ohio.

On this February 1, 2010

  
**Ted Strickland**  
Governor