

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, dating violence is a reality for many young people, and an issue that many are unaware of; and

Whereas, 1 in 3 young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating violence, with 1 in 5 in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner, and breakups can be a time of even greater risk even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and

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

Whereas, elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and

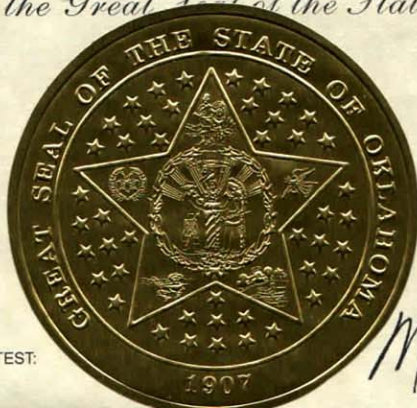
Whereas, Dating Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim February, 2010, as

“Dating Violence Awareness Month”

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this seventh day of January, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred second year.

ATTEST:

M. Susan Swartz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR