

**Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**

**Proclamation**

**Whereas**, nationwide, 1 in 10 high school students (9.9%) have been hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend; and

**Whereas**, more than 1 in 4 teenagers have been in a relationship where a partner is verbally abusive; and

**Whereas**, 1 in 4 teens in a relationship say they have been called names, harassed, or put down by their partner through cell phones and texting; and

**Whereas**, 3 in 10 young people have sent or received nude pictures of other young people on their cell or online, and 61 percent who have "sexted" report being pressured to do so at least once; and

**Whereas**, digital abuse and "sexting" is becoming a new frontier for Teen Dating Abuse; and

**Whereas**, drugs and alcohol may play a part in abuse, they are used as an excuse not a reason for the abuse; and

**Whereas**, the establishment of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status, race or sex; and

**Whereas**, it is critical to intensify public awareness of Teen Dating Violence and Prevention, to educate the citizen involvement in reducing Teen Dating Violence and holding offenders accountable for their actions; and

**Whereas**, by providing young people with education about healthy relationships and changing their attitudes away from supporting violence to embracing mutual respect, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented;

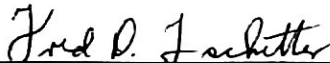
**Whereas**, Crook County Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services, in conjunction with various other community agencies, is committed to stopping Teen Dating Violence by providing education, intervention, community awareness and strong public participation in the process of prevention; and

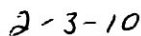
**Now**, therefore I, Fred Tschetter, Mayor of Sundance, WY, express my commitment to ending Teen Dating Violence in our town, do hereby proclaim

**February 2010, as**

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

**In Crook County Wyoming**

  
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