



State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

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:

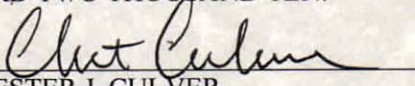
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2010, AS

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

IN IOWA.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TEN.


CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA