

A Proclamation by the Governor

Whereas; females between the ages 16-24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group at a rate almost triple the national average; and

Whereas; 1 in 3 adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; and

Whereas; high school students who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, are at a greater risk of suicide, and are much more likely to carry patterns of abuse into future relationships; and

Whereas; only 33% of teens who were in an abusive relationship ever told anyone about the abuse, and 81% of parents surveyed either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is one; and

Whereas; by providing young people with education about healthy relationships, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and

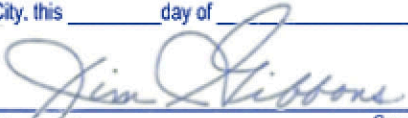
Whereas; the establishment of Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit teens, their families, schools, and communities regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnicity, or gender; and


NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this _____ day of _____


By the Governor: _____ Governor


Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy