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## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 64

October 19, 2015 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, CARPENTER, HANSEN, HARRIS DODD, HARS DORF, C. LARSON, LASSA, OLSEN, RINGHAND, SHILLING, VINEHOUT, WANGGAARD, WIRCH and BEWLEY, cosponsored by Representatives JACQUE, BARNES, BERCEAU, BRANDTJEN, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HORLACHER, JOHNSON, JORGENSEN, KAHL, KESSLER, KLEEFISCH, KOLSTE, KRUG, MASON, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, OHNSTAD, A. OTT, PETRYK, POPE, ROHRKASTE, SARGENT, SCHRAA, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, TRANEL, THIESFELDT, SPREITZER, SUBECK and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** Proclaiming October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

2             Whereas, in any given year, more than 10,000,000 women and men are  
3 physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States, and 1 in 3 women as  
4 well as 1 in 4 men have been or will be victims of physical violence by a partner in  
5 their lifetime; and

6             Whereas, domestic violence consists of a dominant partner exerting control  
7 over a victim through physical, emotional, and psychological abuse, the effects of  
8 which can have the potential to irreparably ruin one's mental well-being, career, and  
9 relationships; and

10            Whereas, many individuals experiencing domestic violence are unable to  
11 escape because of the extent of control to which the abuser subjects the victim. This  
12 control consists of threats of violence to victims or loved ones, withholding finances,  
13 and efforts to isolate victims from friends and families; and

14            Whereas, because it can be difficult to recognize the signs of domestic violence  
15 and it is known that anyone from any background can be an abuser, it is paramount

