

2015 Assembly Joint Resolution 15

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, February is recognized across the nation as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month; and

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

Whereas, one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating violence, with one in five in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened, or coerced by a partner; and

Whereas, breakups can be a time of greater risk even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and

Whereas, statistics show that suicidal ideation is six to nine times more common in teens who have experienced physical or sexual violence; 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 among individuals, organizations, and communities; and

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

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the month of February is recognized as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

Senator Mary Lazich
President of the Senate

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk