2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

February 5, 2021 – Introduced by Senators AGARD, PETROWSKI, ROYS, L. TAYLOR, LARSON, WIRCH, RINGHAND, JOHNSON, SMITH and COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives SPIROS, VINING, KERKMAN, NOVAK, MILROY, SINICKI, L. MYERS, BALDEH, HESSELBEIN, ROZAR, SPREITZER, NEUBAUER, S. RODRIGUEZ, MOSES, SUBECK, CABRERA, SHELTON, BOWEN, ANDERSON, SKOWRONSKI, MURSAU and SHANKLAND. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

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 women and one in ten men 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, statistics show that suicidal ideation is six to nine times more common in teens who had experienced physical or sexual violence; and
Whereas, young people can choose better relationships when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and when they learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and

Whereas, the elimination of dating violence must be achieved through the cooperation of 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 who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin State Legislature does hereby recognize February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

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