

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 6

By: Johnson (Constance) of the  
Senate

5 and

6 McDaniel (Jeannie) of the  
7 House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging Teen Dating  
11 Violence Prevention and Awareness Month in Oklahoma;  
12 encouraging Oklahomans to end teen dating violence;  
13 and directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, teen dating violence is a pattern of behavior involving  
15 the use or attempted use of physical, sexual, verbal, emotional,  
16 economic, technological, or other abusive behaviors by a person to  
17 harm, threaten, intimidate, harass, coerce, control, isolate,  
18 restrain, or monitor another person with whom the person has or has  
19 had a social relationship that involves a physical, sexual, or  
20 emotional component; and

21 WHEREAS, one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a  
22 victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating  
23 partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other  
24 types of violence affecting youth; and

1       WHEREAS, young people victimized by a dating partner are more  
2 likely to abuse drugs and alcohol, engage in risky sexual and  
3 dieting behaviors, attempt suicide, and carry patterns of abuse into  
4 future relationships; and

5       WHEREAS, it is essential to raise community awareness and to  
6 provide training for teachers, counselors, and school staff so that  
7 they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of teen dating  
8 violence; and

9       WHEREAS, Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month  
10 will benefit young people, their families, schools, and communities  
11 by providing an opportunity for all citizens to learn about  
12 preventing teen dating violence, show support for organizations that  
13 provide advocacy and assistance to victims, and ensure that everyone  
14 is guaranteed the right to a safe and healthy relationship free from  
15 abuse.

16       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
17 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
18 CONCURRING THEREIN:

19       THAT February 2011 is hereby acknowledged as Teen Dating  
20 Violence Prevention and Awareness Month in Oklahoma.

21       THAT all Oklahomans are encouraged to work toward ending teen  
22 dating violence by empowering young people to develop healthier  
23 relationships, assisting victims in accessing the information and  
24 supportive services they need, creating better and more resources

1 for young people in need, instituting effective intervention and  
2 prevention policies in schools, and engaging in discussions with  
3 family members and peers to promote the awareness and prevention of  
4 the quiet epidemic of teen dating violence.

5 THAT a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to the  
6 Oklahoma Cabinet Secretary for Education and the State  
7 Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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