

NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 female high school students' reports being physically abused or sexually abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, over 40 percent of male and female high school students surveyed had been victims of dating violence at least once; and

WHEREAS, violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims, who are at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult re-victimization; and

WHEREAS, the severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to increase if the pattern was established in adolescence; and

WHEREAS, 81 percent of parents surveyed either believed dating violence is not a problem or admitted they did not know it is a problem; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week" will benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or gender; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Utah PTA supports a National Teen Dating Violence and Awareness week in February; and be it further

Resolved, That Utah PTA encourages schools, law enforcement local, and state officials and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote awareness and prevention of the crime of teen dating violence in our communities, and be it further

Resolved, That local PTA and PTSA of Middle, Jr. High and High schools make students and parents aware of safe and responsible relationships.