

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue that many 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 breakups can be a time of even greater risk even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and
- WHEREAS, Abusers are taking advantage of new technologies like cell phones and the internet to anonymously and cruelly harass victims in unprecedented ways; and
- WHEREAS, Violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims, putting them 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 be greater in cases where the pattern of violence has been established in adolescence; and
- WHEREAS, The establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socio-economic status, race, or sex;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as

## TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND PREVENTION MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of Our Lord Two  
Thousand Ten and in the 218<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven L. Beshear".

STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson".

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State