

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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2010

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 19, 2010

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 1 through 5, 2010, as "Teen  
2 Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, One in three female teenagers in a dating  
5 relationship has feared for her physical safety; and

6 WHEREAS, One in two teenagers in a serious relationship has  
7 compromised personal beliefs to please a partner; and

8 WHEREAS, One in five teenagers in a serious relationship  
9 reports having been hit, slapped or pushed by a partner; and

10 WHEREAS, Twenty-seven percent of teenagers have been in  
11 dating relationships in which their partners have called them  
12 names or degraded them; and

13 WHEREAS, Twenty-nine percent of girls who have been in a  
14 relationship said that they have been pressured to have sex or  
15 to engage in sexual activities that they did not want; and

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1 WHEREAS, Technologies such as cell phones and the Internet  
2 have made dating abuse both more pervasive and more hidden; and

3 WHEREAS, Thirty percent of teenagers who have been in a  
4 dating relationship say that they have been text-messaged  
5 between 10 and 30 times per hour by a partner seeking to find  
6 out where they are, what they are doing or with whom they are;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Seventy-two percent of teenagers who reported that  
9 they had been monitored by a boyfriend or girlfriend ten times  
10 per hour by e-mail or text messaging did not tell their parents  
11 and many parents are largely unaware of the cell phone and  
12 Internet harassment experienced by teenagers; and

13 WHEREAS, Native American women experience higher rates of  
14 interpersonal violence than any other population group; and

15 WHEREAS, Violent relationships in adolescence can have  
16 serious ramifications for victims, putting them at higher risk  
17 for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior,  
18 suicide and adult revictimization; and

19 WHEREAS, The severity of violence among intimate partners has  
20 been shown to be greater in cases where the pattern of violence  
21 has been established in adolescence; and

22 WHEREAS, The establishment of "Teen Dating Violence Awareness  
23 and Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania, will benefit schools,  
24 communities and families regardless of socioeconomic status,  
25 race or sex; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
27 week of February 1 through 5, 2010, as "Teen Dating Violence  
28 Awareness and Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That all residents of this Commonwealth be called

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1 upon to observe "Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention  
2 Week" by encouraging appropriate programs and activities that  
3 promote awareness and prevention of the crime of teen dating  
4 violence in their communities.

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