

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, one in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence; and

**WHEREAS**, one quarter of high school girls have been victims of physical or sexual abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, youth who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, attempt suicide and carry patterns of abuse into future relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence, almost triple the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, being physically or sexually abused makes teen girls 6 times more likely to become pregnant and twice as likely to get an STI; and

**WHEREAS**, only 33 percent of teens who were in a violent relationship ever told anyone about the abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, teens who are victims of teen dating violence are more likely to be depressed and do poorly in school; and

**WHEREAS**, to raise awareness about teen dating violence, the state of Ohio is participating in the fifth National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize February 2014 as**

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS  
AND PREVENTION MONTH**

throughout Ohio and urge all communities, businesses, local governments, law enforcement and individuals to respond and work toward ending teen dating violence by supporting community efforts to empower teens to develop healthier relationships.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2014;

John R. Kasich  
Governor

Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

