



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

Idaho Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the youth of Idaho are this state's most precious resource and greatest hope for the future, and ensuring their safety, well-being, positive development and growth into healthy citizens is a priority and a responsibility that we all share; and

WHEREAS, nationwide surveys report that one in five youths 11- to 14-years-old have friends who have been victims of dating violence and nearly half who are in relationships know friends who are verbally abused; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Survey reports that 10.6 percent of Idaho high school students have been hit, slapped or physically hurt by their boyfriends or girlfriends during the past year; 9.6 percent of Idaho high school students have been forced to have unwanted sexual intercourse; and 17.7 percent of Idaho high school students have been electronically bullied in the past 12 months; and

WHEREAS, teen dating abuse - including verbal, emotional, digital, sexual and physical abuse - is a reality for many teenagers and an issue of which many parents are unaware; and

WHEREAS, Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about the importance of healthy teen relationships and preventing teen dating violence and to show support for the organizations and individuals who provide critical prevention work and advocacy, services, and assistance to victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, I C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 2012 to be

Idaho Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-second.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa".

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE