

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the week of February 6, 2006 as

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in the State of Arizona, and urge our citizens to recognize this observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Janet Napolitano*  
GOVERNOR



**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-seventh day of December in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

*Janice K. Brewer*  
Secretary of State