



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 female teens in a dating relationship have feared for their physical safety; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 2 teens in serious relationships have compromised their beliefs to please their partner; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 5 teens who have been in a serious relationship said their boyfriend or girlfriend threatened to hurt themselves or their partner if there was a break-up; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 teens in a serious relationship report they have been hit, slapped or pushed by a partner; and

WHEREAS, more than 1 in 4 teens have been in a relationship where their partner verbally abused them; and

WHEREAS, studies show an extreme likelihood of violent behavior continuing into adulthood if an individual establishes violent relationship patterns during adolescence; and

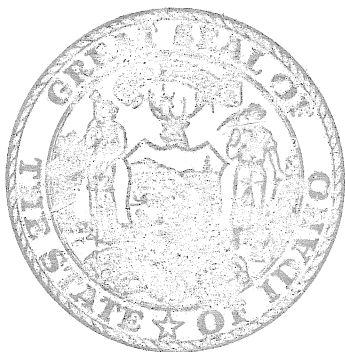
WHEREAS, 81 percent of parents surveyed either believe dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is an issue; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase public awareness of teen dating violence and the adverse affects it has on our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 5th through 9th, 2007 to be

**NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
WEEK**

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 seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE