



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, females between the ages of 16 and 24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group at a rate almost triple the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 3 adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; and

**WHEREAS**, high school students experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, are at greater risk of suicide, and are much more likely to carry patterns of abuse into future relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, young people victimized by a dating partner are more likely to engage in risky sexual behavior and unhealthy dieting behaviors and the experience may disrupt normal development of self-esteem and body image; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly half of teens who experience dating violence report that incidents of abuse took place in a school building or on school grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, only 33% of teens who are in an abusive relationship ever tell anyone about the abuse, and 81% of parents surveyed either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is an issue; and

**WHEREAS**, by providing young people with education about healthy relationships, building relationship skills, and by changing attitudes towards violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and

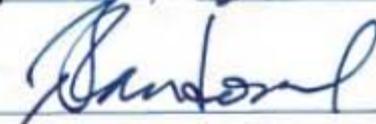
**WHEREAS**, it is essential to raise awareness among communities and to provide training for teachers, counselors, and school staff so that they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**, do hereby proclaim February, 2014 as

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA**



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

  
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By the Governor: Governor

  
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Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy