

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Everyone has the right to safe and healthy relationships and to be free from abuse; and
- WHEREAS:** Teens who experience violence in dating relationships are more likely to be depressed, experience eating disorders, do poorly in school, engage in unhealthy behaviors such as drug and alcohol use, and think about or attempt suicide; and
- WHEREAS:** By working with young people to develop and implement education about healthy relationships and relationship skills, including comprehensive sexuality education, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and
- WHEREAS:** All young people have the right to have their views, voices, and values included and respected regardless of age, gender, race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, culture, or any other intersectional identity; and
- WHEREAS:** It is essential to foster equitable partnerships with youth to improve community investment in prevention and to provide training for adults like teachers, counselors, and school staff so that collectively, we can better support young people in Oregon.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **February 2019** to be

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, January 28, 2019.



Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Governor

Dennis Richardson

Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State