

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

WHEREAS, Communities across the state and around the country are observing February 2021 as Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, The event's history dates back to 2006, when Congress established National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Week as the first full week of February; in 2010, the initiative was expanded to last throughout the entire month, and it was officially recognized by President Barack Obama three years later; the event serves to remind Americans of the shocking prevalence of violence in teen relationships; and

WHEREAS, Teen dating violence includes psychological aggression, stalking, and physical and sexual abuse; over the last year in the U.S., approximately 1 in 11 female and 1 in 15 male high school students have experienced physical dating violence, and about 1 in 9 female and 1 in 36 male teens have experienced sexual dating violence; and

WHEREAS, Unhealthy and abusive relationships can have lasting consequences on developing youth; victims of teen dating violence are more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety, engage in drug and alcohol abuse, exhibit antisocial behaviors, and think about suicide; in addition, violence in adolescent relationships leads to a higher risk of violence perpetration and victimization later in life; and

WHEREAS, Vigilance against teen dating violence is crucial to the safety and well-being of Texas youth, and this observance provides an opportunity to support the survivors of

teen dating violence while learning more about prevention;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th
Legislature, hereby recognize Teen Dating Violence Prevention
Month in February 2021 and urge Texans to raise awareness of this
critical issue.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 9, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate