

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 612

Designating the week of February 5 through February 9, 2007, as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas 1 in 3 female teens in a dating relationship have feared for their physical safety;

Whereas 1 in 2 teens in serious relationships have compromised their beliefs to please their partner;

Whereas nearly 1 in 5 teens who have been in a serious relationship said their boyfriend or girlfriend would threaten to hurt themselves or their partner if there was a break-up;

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

Whereas more than 1 in 4 teens have been in a relationship where their partner verbally abuses them;

Whereas 13 percent of Hispanic teens reported that hitting a partner was permissible;

Whereas 29 percent of girls who have been in a relationship said they have been pressured to have sex or engage in sex they did not want;

Whereas nearly 50 percent of girls worry that their partner would break up with them if they did not agree to engage in sex;

Whereas Native American women experience higher rates of interpersonal violence than any other population group;

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 revictimization;

Whereas the severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to increase if the pattern has been established in adolescence;

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 the establishment of the National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week will benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or sex: Now, therefore be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) designates the week of February 5 through  
2           February 9, 2007, as “National Teen Dating Vio-  
3           lence Awareness and Prevention Week”; and

4           (2) calls upon the people of the United States,  
5           high schools, law enforcement, State and local offi-  
6           cials, and interested groups, to observe National  
7           Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention  
8           Week with appropriate programs and activities that  
9           promote awareness and prevention of the crime of  
10          teen dating violence in their communities.

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