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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 15

February 26, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives Kerkman, Sargent, Zamarripa, KOLSTE, THIESFELDT, HORLACHER, STEFFEN, MURPHY, SINICKI, HEATON, CONSIDINE, BILLINGS, GOYKE, MURSAU, C. TAYLOR, A. OTT, JOHNSON, OHNSTAD, HESSELBEIN, SPREITZER, SUBECK, BERCEAU, RIEMER, E. BROOKS and JORGENSEN, cosponsored by Senators Wirch, Carpenter and Erpenbach. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in
2	Wisconsin.
3	Whereas, February is recognized across the nation as Teen Dating Violence
4	Awareness and Prevention Month; and
5	Whereas, dating violence is a reality for many youth and an issue that many
6	parents are unaware of; and
7	Whereas, one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal
8	dating violence, with one in five in a serious relationship reporting having been
9	slapped, pushed, hit, threatened, or coerced by a partner; and
10	Whereas, breakups can be a time of greater risk even when a relationship was
11	never physically abusive; and
12	Whereas, statistics show that suicidal ideation is six to nine times more
13	common in teens who have experienced physical or sexual violence; and

Whereas, young people can choose better relationships when they understand	
that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning	
signs of an abusive relationship; and	
Whereas, elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation	
among individuals, organizations, and communities; and	
Whereas, Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month provides an	
excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and	
to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals that provide critical	
advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; now, therefore, be it	

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the month of February is recognized as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

12 (END)