

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 388

Designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2007

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

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”.

Whereas 1 in 3 female teenagers in a dating relationship has feared for her physical safety;

Whereas 1 in 2 teenagers in a serious relationship has compromised personal beliefs to please a partner;

Whereas 1 in 5 teenagers in a serious relationship reports having been hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner;

Whereas 27 percent of teenagers have been in dating relationships in which their partners called them names or put them down;

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

Whereas technologies such as cell phones and the Internet have made dating abuse both more pervasive and more hidden;

Whereas 30 percent of teenagers who have been in a dating relationship say that they have been text-messaged between 10 and 30 times per hour by a partner seeking to find out where they are, what they are doing, or who they are with;

Whereas 72 percent of teenagers who reported they'd been checked up on by a boyfriend or girlfriend 10 times per hour by email or text messaging did not tell their parents;

Whereas parents are largely unaware of the cell phone and Internet harassment experienced by teenagers;

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, putting them 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 be greater in cases where the pattern of violence has been established in adolescence; and

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

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the week of February 4 through  
3       February 8, 2008, as “National Teen Dating Vio-  
4       lence Awareness and Prevention Week”; and

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

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