STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, teen dating violence crosses race, gender, and socioeconomic lines; and

WHEREAS, one in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in 11 female teens and one in 15 male teens reported experiencing physical dating violence in the last year; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in nine female and one in 36 high school students report having experienced sexual dating violence in the last year; and

WHEREAS, 26 percent of women and 15 percent of men who were victims of contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime first experienced these or other forms of violence by that partner before age 18; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Youth Commission is raising awareness about healthy relationships among young people statewide through education and outreach to further prevent dating violence; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide continued training and outreach to community members, schools, and families to help them recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 2020 as

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-third day of January in the year Two Thousand and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE