

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Everyone has the right to safe and healthy relationships and to be free from abuse; and
- WHEREAS:** Teens who experience violence in dating relationships are more likely to experience depression, disordered eating, disconnection from school, substance misuse, isolation, and suicidal ideation or attempts; and
- WHEREAS:** In Oregon's schools, historically marginalized youth experience higher rates of violence and abuse due to systemic oppression like racism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, Islamophobia, ableism, ageism, adultism, sexism, and other forms of oppression; and
- WHEREAS:** Young people are experts in their own experiences and leaders in identifying the strategies, tools, and resources, which will best help them be healthy and safe; and
- WHEREAS:** By following the lead of young people in Oregon, collaborating to develop and implement inclusive policies, protocols, and education about violence prevention, anti-oppression, healthy relationships, and healthy sexuality, we can help prevent dating violence and other forms of violence and abuse, before they occur, supporting the development of healthy future relationships.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **February 2024** to be

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 6, 2024.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek, Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LaVonne Griffin-Valade".

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State