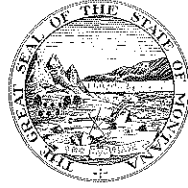


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February 8, 2012

Juley Fulcher  
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Dear Ms. Fulcher:

I am pleased to recognize "Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month" in the State of Montana.

Providing Montana's teens with education about healthy relationships is important for their safety and self esteem. I support your efforts to prevent teen dating violence and raise awareness in Montana for the protection and well being of our young citizens.

You'll find a news story about an event held in Montana's Capitol at which Attorney General Steve Bullock spoke.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials "B" followed by a stylized flourish.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER  
Governor

# Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

By Kaelyn Kelly Wednesday Feb. 1st, 2012 - 5:11pm

**Attorney General Steve Bullock joined the Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence at the state Capitol Rotunda to recognize teen dating violence awareness month.**

The Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is a statewide group of individuals and organizations working together to end sexual abuse. They say one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse by a dating partner. Bullock says Montana is committed to the wellbeing of youths by speaking out, and being aware of the toll violence has on not only young adults, but their families and communities.

"How it happens is by you all and by you all working together and coming up with what's going to be most effective to talk to your peers and to talk to one another," says Bullock.

The coalition also released a statewide prevention plan to help promote healthy relationships.

Story by Kaelyn Kelly, Beartooth NBC.

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# Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Recognized

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Today, Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month was commemorated at the state capitol.

Attorney General Steve Bullock was on hand to stress Montana's commitment to keeping kids safe.

The Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence recently unveiled a statewide prevention plan to fight sexual violence by focusing on young people and encouraging healthy relationships.

In 2009, more than 9% of Montana teens reported abuse by their boyfriend or girlfriend.

Bullock says, "Let's make sure that we're giving that message out to teenagers that the jealousy; that's not affection; control; that's not love; sexual coercion isn't acceptable ever."

Research has shown that teen dating violence can lead to higher risk of substance abuse, unhealthy weight tendencies, and un-intentional pregnancy.

For more information about teen dating violence visit [www.mcadsv.com](http://www.mcadsv.com) or contact Prevention Program Manager Karen Lane (406) 443-7794.