



PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION
2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to:** recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and
2 Prevention Month.

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 women and one in ten men in a serious relationship
9 reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened, or coerced by a partner, and
10 breakups can be a time of even greater risk, even when a relationship was never
11 physically abusive; and

12 Whereas, statistics show that suicidal ideation is six to nine times more
13 common in teens who had experienced physical or sexual violence; and

