**Sample Proclamation Letter**

[Name]

[Official Title]

[Mailing Address]

[Date]

Dear [Name],

February is *National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month*. This month provides an excellent opportunity for our **[City / County / State / School]** to demonstrate its commitment to ending teen dating violence and support the numerous victims and survivors who are among us. One in three teens in the US is a victim of physical, emotional or sexual abuse from a dating partner. These violent relationships have serious consequences for victims – putting them at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide and adult re-victimization. Now is the time to educate our communities about the seriousness of teen dating violence and the prevalence of this epidemic in our lives.

**[Insert local statistics or a local story of teen dating violence here if available]**

**[I / My organization]** would be honored if you would sponsor an official proclamation to recognize February as **[City / County / State / School]** *Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month*. Your proclamation would lend official recognition to the important work of raising awareness about teen dating violence as well as emphasize your personal commitment to ending this crime. **[I / We]** have enclosed a sample to guide your office in composing a proclamation for our **[City / County / State / School]**.

If you or your staff have any questions about this request, the sample proclamation or

*National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month*, please call **[me / us]** at **[telephone number]** or contact Break the Cycle at (202) 824-0707 or teendvmonth@breakthecycle.org. I will follow up with your office in the next few days. **[I /We]** appreciate your support and thank you for your consideration of this vital issue.

Sincerely,

Enclosure