

Professional Staff Assembly

Resolution to Support Dating/Domestic Violence Awareness Month at The University of Alabama

Whereas, dating and domestic violence is any type of violence, abuse, or threat of violence that one partner in a relationship commits against another, including economic control, physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, and verbal abuse; and

Whereas, in the United States, a woman is more likely to be assaulted, injured, raped or killed by a male partner than by any other type of assault (Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report: Violence Against Women: Estimates from the Redesigned Survey, August 1995); and

Whereas, dating and domestic violence is a problem that affects every community across the country, crossing all races, social and economic backgrounds, cultures, religions, and relationship types; and

Whereas, on average, more than three women and one man are murdered by their intimate partners in this country every day. (Bureau of Justice Statistics, Intimate Partner Violence in the U.S. 1993-2004, 2006.)

Whereas, physical aggression occurs in 1 in 3 teen dating relationships and women ages 20-24 are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence. (Paul A. Schewe ed., 2002; Bureau of Justice Statistics, Intimate Partner Violence in the U.S. 1993-2004, 2006.); and

Whereas, we must work together to educate our campus and our community about what can be done to prevent dating and domestic violence and to support survivors; and

Whereas, October 2012 has been designated as *Dating/Domestic Violence Awareness Month*, and this designation will increase the public's awareness of dating and domestic violence and will encourage individuals to seek the help from those agencies providing services to victims of dating and domestic violence; the Professional Staff Assembly supports the work done by the Campus Anti-Violence Task Force to share this message and urges all members of the campus community to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs that work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of interpersonal violence accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

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