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Press Release

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What: **Governor Jack Markell Declares February 2010 as the Fifth Annual Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in Delaware**

Governor Jack Markell officially declared February 2010 the Fifth Annual Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in Delaware at a Proclamation Signing/Award Ceremony held on Thursday, February 4, 2010, 10:00 AM at Delcastle Technical High School. The Proclamation calls on all Delawareans to increase their awareness regarding the effects of teen dating violence and the importance of working to prevent this abuse from happening in the first place in our communities. Attorney General Beau Biden attended and presented remarks in support of awareness and prevention of this serious issue amongst young people. Senate Majority Leader Patricia Blevins and Representative Michael Barbieri presented House Concurrent Resolution 23 recognizing February 2010 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month by the General Assembly.

The winners of the Fourth Annual Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Poster Contest were also recognized at the ceremony. High school students from Delcastle, Middletown, Ferris School, and Cape Henlopen participated in the poster contest sponsored by Delaware's Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Planning Committee. Angelita Matos from Delcastle High School, Moraima Jaquez from Middletown High School, Isacc L. from Ferris School and Paulis Petrovics from Cape Henlopen High School were each recognized and awarded prizes for their winning posters which were selected by the students from each of the respective schools.



Pictured above from left to right, Dr. Steven H. Godowsky (Superintendent, New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District), Governor Jack Markell, Angelita Matos Delcastle Technical High School poster contest winner), and Jen Penozza (Chairperson for Delaware's Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Planning Committee).

For further information about this event or for more information regarding teen dating violence, please contact Jennifer Penozza, Chairperson Teen Dating Violence Awareness Prevention Month Planning Committee (302) 254- 5528, CHILD, Inc.

