

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 414

Designating January 2008 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 19 (legislative day, DECEMBER 18), 2007

Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating January 2008 as “National Stalking Awareness
Month”.

Whereas an estimated 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States and, in the majority of such cases, the person is stalked by someone who is not a stranger;

Whereas 81 percent of women who are stalked by an intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner, and 76 percent of women who are killed by an intimate partner were also stalked by that partner;

Whereas 74.2 percent of stalking victims report that being stalked interfered with their employment, 26 percent of stalking victims lose time from work as a result of their victimization, and 7 percent of stalking victims never return to work;

Whereas stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, such as relocating, changing their addresses, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

Whereas stalking is a crime that cuts across race, culture, gender, age, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, and economic status;

Whereas stalking is a crime under Federal law and under the laws of all 50 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas rapid advancements in technology have made cybersurveillance the new frontier in stalking;

Whereas national organizations, local victim service organizations, prosecutors' offices, and police departments stand ready to assist stalking victims and work diligently to craft competent, thorough, and innovative responses to stalking; and

Whereas there is a need to enhance the criminal justice system's response to stalking and stalking victims, including through aggressive investigation and prosecution: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Senate designates January 2008 as
3 “National Stalking Awareness Month”;

4 (2) it is the sense of the Senate that—

5 (A) National Stalking Awareness Month
6 provides an opportunity to educate the people of
7 the United States about stalking;

8 (B) the people of the United States should
9 applaud the efforts of the many victim service

1 providers, police, prosecutors, national and com-
2 munity organizations, and private sector sup-
3 porters for their efforts in promoting awareness
4 of stalking; and

5 (C) policymakers, criminal justice officials,
6 victim service and human service agencies, non-
7 profit organizations, and others should recog-
8 nize the need to increase awareness of stalking
9 and the availability of services for stalking vic-
10 tims; and

11 (3) the Senate urges national and community
12 organizations, businesses in the private sector, and
13 the media to promote awareness of the crime of
14 stalking through observation of National Stalking
15 Awareness Month.

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