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Students Lead National Youth Violence Prevention Week Activities March 19-23, 2012

RALEIGH, NC (March 15, 2012) – The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is proud to be a founding partner of the National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign, celebrating its ninth year from March 19-23, 2012. The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness and to educate students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent or reduce youth violence.

During this week-long national education initiative, various activities will demonstrate the positive role young people can have in making their schools and communities safer. With the support of several national premier youth-serving organizations, each day of the week will focus on a specific violence prevention strategy. The challenges highlighted for 2012 were proposed by the campaign's Youth Advisory Board and will include: Promoting Respect and Tolerance, Managing Anger, Resolving Conflicts Peacefully, Supporting Safety and Uniting in Action.

The campaign is also striving to unite communities in their efforts to address youth violence by encouraging participating schools to host in-school violence prevention activities during the week. In addition to offering workshops on various prevention strategies and recognizing local efforts by those who are effectively working to reduce youth violence, these activities are intended to provide an opportunity to establish local community roundtables that will develop action plans to reduce youth violence throughout the year. "Such roundtables, which bring together each sector of the community, are the inspiration for the campaign slogan, Building Safer Communities...Peace By Peace," stated Carleen Wray, executive director of the National Association of SAVE.

Join this nationwide effort to show that our youth and our communities are committed to being violence-free! For further information on activities contact National SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE (7283) or visit www.nationalsave.org.

About the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere:

SAVE started at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, N.C. in 1989 following the tragic death of a student who was trying to break up a fight at an off-campus party. Students met first to console each other, then as an organization to promote violence prevention and to work together to prevent future incidents from occurring. SAVE provides education about the effects and consequences of violence and helps provide safe activities for students, parents and communities. For more information on SAVE or starting a SAVE chapter, visit www.nationalsave.org, or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.

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