

[Recognition of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month]

Resolution recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

WHEREAS, 1 in 10 high schoolers have experienced physical violence from a dating partner during the past year; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 victims say they experienced digital abuse or harassment at school during school hours; most takes place away from school grounds; and

WHEREAS, Young people are impacted by abusive relationships as they are threatened with or subjected to physical violence, sexual violence, psychological aggression, or stalking from a current or former intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, Dating violence can also occur digitally through social media and other electronic communication in the form of cyberstalking, non-consensual distribution of intimate images, and other technology-facilitated harms; and

WHEREAS, Young people experiencing violence are more likely to be vulnerable to long-term behavioral and health consequences, including mental trauma and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Victims of digital abuse and harassment are two times as likely to be psychologically abused, two times as likely to be physically abused, and five times as likely to be sexually coerced; and

WHEREAS, Trauma from adolescent domestic violence increases the risk of violence in adulthood and future relationships; and

1 WHEREAS, It is crucial to educate young people about the signs of domestic
2 violence, to set them up for success by allowing them to recognize for themselves what
3 healthy, nonviolent relationships look like; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco Youth Commission shall partner with Asian Women's
5 Shelter and Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence to bring awareness to the
6 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) 2026 Event and raise awareness
7 about the impact of teen dating violence on San Francisco Youth; and, now, therefore
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes the month of
10 February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month to affirm the right
11 of all young people to experience healthy relationships free from dating abuse in
12 adolescence and beyond; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission introduce
14 and urge the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and other elected officials representing San
15 Francisco to recognize the month of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and
16 Prevention Month to encourage and facilitate the education of teen dating violence for
17 all young people in the City and County of San Francisco; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission attends
19 Black Women Revolt's Teen Dating Violence Awareness Event, Real Love Respects,
20 on February 7th, 2026, at the Visitacion Valley Public Library Branch; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission encourages
22 the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and other elected officials representing San Francisco
23 to wear orange on February 10, 2025; and be it

- 1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Youth Commission staff are
- 2 directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of
- 3 Supervisors, and other elected officials representing San Francisco.