Introduced by Assembly Member Stefani

February 3, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Relative to dating violence.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 25, as introduced, Stefani. Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

This measure would designate the month of February 2025 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- WHEREAS, One in three adolescents will experience dating abuse before high school graduation; and
- WHEREAS, Young people are impacted by abusive relationships and may be threatened with or subjected to physical violence, sexual violence, psychological aggression, or stalking
- 6 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, nonconsensual distribution of intimate images, and other technology-facilitated harms; and
- WHEREAS, Young people experiencing abusive relationships are more likely to be vulnerable to long-term behavioral and health consequences, including mental trauma and drug abuse; and
- WHEREAS, Trauma from adolescent domestic violence increases the risk of violence in adulthood and future relationships;
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WHEREAS, It is crucial to educate young people about the signs of domestic violence to set them up for success by allowing them to recognize for themselves what healthy, nonviolent relationships look like; and

WHEREAS, Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence and the Asian Women's Shelter in San Francisco shall partner with the San Francisco Youth Commission to host a Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month event and online awareness campaign to raise awareness about the impact of teen dating violence; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission will recognize the month of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in the city and county of San Francisco in an effort to affirm the right of all young people to experience healthy relationships free from dating abuse in adolescence and beyond; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Assembly proclaims the month of February 2025 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month to encourage and facilitate the education of teen dating violence for all young people in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.