

[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 3 high schoolers will experience dating abuse before high school graduation; 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, Trauma from adolescent domestic violence increases the risk of violence in adulthood and future relationships; and

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, Asian Women's Shelter and Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence shall partner with the San Francisco Youth Commission to host the "Respect That" Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) 2025 Event and raise

1 awareness about the impact of teen dating violence for San Francisco Youth; and
2 therefore be it

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

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

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