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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-052

**PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2026 AS TEEN DATING)
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY)**

WHEREAS, each year, an estimated 1 in 3 teens is physically, emotionally, or verbally abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, survivors of teen dating violence have increased risk of truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, developing eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, college students experience unique relationship dynamics during a critical period of independence and identity development, and research shows that dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking occur at disproportionately high rates among college aged individuals, impacting students' academic success, mental health, and overall wellbeing, underscoring the importance of empowering students to recognize unhealthy or abusive behaviors and seek support to foster safer campuses and communities; and

WHEREAS, parents and guardians are encouraged to speak to their teens about healthy relationships, boundaries, and the dangers of teen dating violence; and

WHEREAS, each February, the formal recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month allows the community to acknowledge and show their support for survivors and advocates to end the cycle of abuse through education; and

WHEREAS, Wear Orange Day, February 10, is a national day for raising awareness on teen dating violence, supporting survivors, and preventing abuse before it starts; and

WHEREAS, a partnership with schools across Fresno County emerged to directly confront this crisis and are achieving success. The Marjaree Mason Center, along with it's KNOW MORE® Peer Educators, are helping in the effort to prevent and end teen dating violence. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these professionals and students across Fresno County high schools and middle schools and increase public understanding of this important problem.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the month of February 2026 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens of Fresno to work together to end the cycle of violence in our community.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 10th day of February 2026, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



Garry Bredefeld, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By 
Deputy