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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 19-048

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2019)
AS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH)

WHEREAS, teen dating violence, also known as dating abuse, is a serious and growing problem throughout California, and teen dating violence intervention and prevention programs can help to ensure a positive school climate and safe learning environment for all youth ages 12 to 24; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations for a comprehensive primary prevention program, multiple strategies are required such as teaching safe and healthy relationship skills, engaging influential adults and peers, disrupting the developmental pathways toward partner violence, creating protective environments, strengthening economic supports for families, and supporting survivors to increase safety and lessen harm; and

WHEREAS, Each year, an estimated 1 in 10 high school students is physically hurt on purpose by a dating partner; and according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships, 1 in 3 adolescents report verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual dating abuse each year; and

WHEREAS, teen dating violence has been linked to other forms of violence and aggression against peers, including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and physical violence, while survivors of teen dating violence have increased risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of the students who experience dating violence have reported that some of the abuse took place on school grounds. Youth who are survivors in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college, and adolescent perpetrators of dating violence are more likely to abuse their intimate partners as adults.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims February 2019 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Fresno County and calls upon the people of Fresno County to observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month with programs and activities that raise awareness about the dynamics of teen dating violence and support youth in learning the skills to have safe and healthy relationships.

1 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Fresno this 12th day of February, 2019, to-wit:

2 AYES: Supervisors Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
3 NOES: None
4 ABSENT: None
5 ABSTAINED: None
6 VACANT: District 2



Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

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

11 By Susan Bishop
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