

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY  
AS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND  
PREVENTION IN AMADOR COUNTY

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RESOLUTION NO. 23-012

WHEREAS, Teen dating violence, also known as dating abuse, is a serious and growing problem throughout California and Amador County. 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. Operation Care can provide education and outreach programs to community members to address warning signs of teen dating violence among youth before behaviors escalate; 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. 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. American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children suffer exposure to violence at rates higher than any other race in the United States. According to the American Psychological Association, one in three teens ages 14 to 20 have experienced dating abuse and about the same number say they have committed dating abuse themselves; and

WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 11 female teens and 1 in 15 male teens reported experiencing physical violence in the last year. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 9 female teens and 1 in 36 male teens reported experiencing sexual dating violence in the last year, 43% of LGB teens reported experiencing physical dating violence, compared to 29% of heterosexual youth, 59% of LGB teens reported emotional abuse, compared to 46% of heterosexual youth, 50% of Transgender youth reported experiencing sexual violence at some point in their lives; 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. Survivors of teen dating violence have increased risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, having eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Nearly half of students who experience dating violence have reported that some of the abuse took place on school grounds.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors do hereby find that the Legislature proclaims the month of February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and supports communities to empower teens to develop healthy and violence-free relationships throughout their lives; and be it further.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Jeffrey Brown, Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew, Frank U. Axe, Richard Forster  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

  
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Jeffrey Brown, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,  
California Deputy

  
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