

**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) RESOLUTION NO. 21-013
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION IN)
AMADOR COUNTY)

WHEREAS, Teen dating violence, also known as dating abuse, is a serious and growing problem throughout California and Amador County; and

WHEREAS, 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, Operation Care can provide Education and outreach programs to community members and youth to address warning signs of teen dating violence among youth; 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

WHEREAS, 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, more than 40% of Native children experience two or more acts of violence by the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 43% of LGB teens reported experiencing physical dating violence, compared to 29% of heterosexual youth; and

WHEREAS, 59% of LGB teens reported emotional abuse, compared to 46% of heterosexual youth; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Nearly half of students who experience dating violence have reported that some of the abuse took place on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, Survivors of teen dating violence are also at increased risk for carrying a weapon to school, being threatened or injured with a weapon at school, and damaging school property; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors do hereby find that the Legislature proclaims the month of February 2021 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Amador County Board of Supervisors calls upon the people of Amador County including schools, community groups, families, and youth to observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention 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.

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 26th day of January, 2021, by the following vote:

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



Frank U. Axe, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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



Deputy