

***Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. This measure would designate the month of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and would encourage all Californians to observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month with appropriate programs and activities that promote healthy teen relationships and raise awareness about teen dating violence in their communities.***

**WHEREAS,** Teen dating violence, also known as dating abuse, is a serious and growing problem throughout California; 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,** 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 4 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; and

**WHEREAS,** The establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit schools, communities, families, and all youth; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by Youth Advisory Committee at House of Ruth***  
That the Legislature proclaims the month of February 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

***Resolved, That Pomona City Council*** calls upon the people of California, 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.