



Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month reflects our communities growing understanding that violence within relationships often begin during adolescence, and about 1 in 3 teens report being the victim of verbal, physical, emotional or sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, modern efforts to address Teen Dating Violence must include the realities of today's youth. Digital tools such as cell phones, social networking sites and access to online games or entertainment play major roles in a teens life, but they also allow predators to access teens and often it is under the radar of caregivers and safe adults.; and

WHEREAS, Prevention of Teen Dating Violence includes reducing the stigma and silence around the issue and providing safe spaces for discussion and education around healthy relationships, communication and life skills.

WHEREAS, teen dating violence is a community problem, prevention includes support from the entire community and increasing awareness provides opportunity for more community members to come together and discuss teen dating violence in our community and work towards solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the month of February 2022 is designated as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Clearlake, and our community is urged to support the efforts of the agencies assisting victims of teen dating violence and to increase their involvement in efforts to prevent teen dating violence, thereby strengthening our community, and creating an environment which honors, nurtures and protects all members of every family.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2022

Dirk Slooten, Mayor