



**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS  
PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2021 AS**

**“Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month”**

**WHEREAS,** one in three adolescents is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner; and

**WHEREAS,** the effects of dating violence impact youth in all communities and cuts across economic, racial, gender, and societal barriers; and

**WHEREAS,** respectful, supportive, and non-violent relationships are key to safety, health, and academic success; and

**WHEREAS,** by providing teens and young adults with education about healthy relationships and relationship skills, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and

**WHEREAS,** family, friends, teachers, coaches, faith leaders, community members, and other important people in young peoples’ lives have the power to influence youth in positive ways; and

**WHEREAS,** last year Hays-Caldwell Women’s Center provided 235 dating violence prevention and healthy relationships presentations to 5,889 teens and young adults; and

**WHEREAS,** we must work together to raise awareness and promote healthy dating relationships with activities and conversations about mutually respectful and non-violent relationships in our homes, schools, and communities.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas that:**

1. February 2021 shall be recognized as “Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month”.
2. The City Council calls upon the citizens of Dripping Springs to work together to raise awareness and prevent dating violence in our community and beyond.

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Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor