



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPING SPRINGS
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022, 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 the Hays-Caldwell Women’s Center provided 157 dating violence prevention and healthy relationships presentations to 3,141 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:

- 1.** That February 2022, be known as “Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention” month in the City of Dripping Springs.
- 2.** And that 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.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor