



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2024, 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 31 dating violence prevention and healthy relationships presentations to 2,428 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 of Dripping Springs City Council:

1. That February 2024 shall be known as “Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month” in the City of Dripping Springs, Texas; and
2. That citizens of Dripping Springs are encouraged to work together to raise awareness and prevent dating violence in our community and beyond.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor