



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2023

WHEREAS, each year, an estimated 1 in 3 teens is physically, emotionally, or verbally abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, survivors of teen dating violence have increased risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, having eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, each February, the formal recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month allows the community to acknowledge and show their support for survivors and advocates to end of the cycle of abuse through education; and

WHEREAS, Wear Orange Day, February 7, is a national day dedicated to raising awareness on teen dating violence, to supporting survivors, and to preventing abuse before it starts; and

WHEREAS, a partnership of schools across Fresno County emerged to directly confront this crisis and are achieving success. The Marjaree Mason Center, along with its kNOW MORE® Peer Educators, are helping in the effort to prevent and end teen dating violence. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these professionals and students across Fresno County high schools and middle schools and increase public understanding of this important problem.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Kerman, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2023, as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and urges all citizens of Kerman to work together to end the cycle of violence in our community

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Kerman to be affixed on this 8th day of February 2023.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor