

*Proclamation of The Tehama County Board of Supervisors
Designating February 2024 as*

Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

WHEREAS, Teen dating violence intervention and prevention programs can help to ensure a positive school climate and safe learning environment for all youth aged 12 to 24;

WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, one in three adolescents report verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual dating abuse each year;

WHEREAS, According to the American Psychological Association, one in three teens aged 14 to 20 have experienced dating abuse and about the same number say they have committed dating abuse themselves; and

WHEREAS, 43% of lesbian, gay, and bisexual teens reported experiencing physical dating violence, compared to 29% of straight youth;

WHEREAS, Teen dating violence has been linked to other forms of violence and aggression against peers, including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and physical violence;

WHEREAS, Youth who are survivors in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college, and adolescent perpetrators of dating violence are more likely to abuse their intimate partners as adults;

WHEREAS, by preventing domestic violence, we also address significant long-term health impacts of domestic violence. Women who are survivors of violence are 80% more likely to suffer a stroke, 70% more likely to have heart disease and 60% more likely to become asthmatic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Leach, Chairman of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in Tehama County. I urge all citizens to work towards ending teen dating violence by empowering young people to develop healthier relationships and assisting victims in accessing the information and supportive services they need.

Signature

Date