



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
D-5

For the meeting of: February 2, 2016

Date: January 6, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Mark Lovelace
Subject: Proclaim February 2016 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in Humboldt County.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

DISCUSSION: The Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month to help bring awareness to our community about the crime of teen dating violence. Education on the issue of dating violence is vital and it is important that young people receive effective prevention education.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature *Mark Lovelace*

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
____ Consent
____ Departmental
____ Public Hearing
XX Other Special Presentation (5 minutes)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Bass
Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

Dated: Feb. 2, 2016
Ana Hartwell, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: *Ana Hartwell*

PROCLAMATION

of the Board of Supervisors County of Humboldt

WHEREAS, females between the ages of 16-24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence, experiencing abuse at a rate almost triple the national average; and

WHEREAS, one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; and

WHEREAS, high school students who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use alcohol and other drugs, are at greater risk of suicide, have a higher incidence of eating disorders, are more likely to engage in risky sexual behavior and are much more likely to carry patterns of abuse into future relationships. In fact, only 33% of teens who are in an abusive relationship ever tell anyone about the abuse; and

WHEREAS, by providing young people 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, it is essential to raise community awareness and provide training for adults so that they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence; and

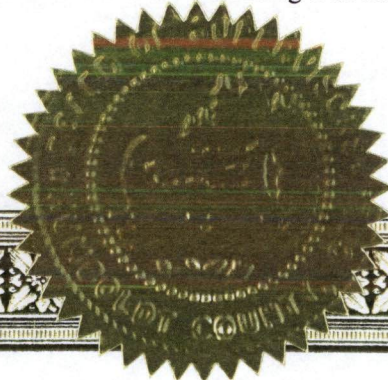
WHEREAS, the establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit young people, their families, schools and communities regardless of socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, the Prevention Committee of the HCDVCC, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, the North Coast Rape Crisis Team, Two Feathers Indian Child Welfare, Planned Parenthood of Northern California and the Department of Health & Human Services are committed to teen dating violence prevention work; and

WHEREAS, the "Check Yourself" media campaign focuses on prevention of violence through messaging of respect and healthy relationships for young girls and boys, and will be promoted throughout Humboldt County on coffee cup sleeves, inside buses and on posters to educate on modeling healthy relationships. Everyone has the right to a safe and healthy relationship and to be free from abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, does hereby proclaim February 2016, Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, throughout Humboldt County, and urges all Humboldt County residents to work toward ending teen dating violence.

DATED: February 2, 2016



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Lovelace", is written over the printed name.

MARK LOVELACE, Chair