



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

E-1

For the meeting of: February 7, 2017

Date: January 13, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Proclaim February, 2017 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 Ryan Sundberg

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 Sundberg
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. 7, 2017
Nikki Turner, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: [Signature]

PROCLAMATION

of the Board of Supervisors County of Humboldt



WHEREAS, females between the ages 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 far 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; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of teens who experience dating violence report that incidents of abuse took place in a school building or on school grounds, and 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. 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, the North Coast Rape Crisis Team, Two Feathers Native American Family Services, Planned Parenthood of Northern California, United Indian Health Services, Project Connect of Ki'Ma:w medical center and the Department of Health and Human Services are committed to teen dating violence prevention work; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of Northern California's Spare Change teen theater troupe is committed to preventing teen dating violence through performance and classroom education; and

WHEREAS, the North Coast Rape Crisis Team offers prevention programs for youth focused on ending sexual abuse including in the contexts of teen dating violence and sex trafficking of youth towards their vision, "A World Without Violence," and

WHEREAS, Two Feathers Native American Family Services along with United Indian Health Services provide education in high schools through art to raise awareness of teen dating violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims February 2017, **Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**, throughout Humboldt County, and urges all Humboldt County residents to work toward ending teen dating violence by modeling healthy behaviors and empowering young people to develop healthier relationships.

DATED: February 7, 2017

Virginia Bass
VIRGINIA BASS, Chair