

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING February 2015 AS

Teen Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

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 drugs and alcohol, are at greater risk of suicide 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

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 to provide training for teachers, counselors and school staff so that they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence; **and

***WHEREAS**, everyone has the right to a safe and healthy relationship and to be free from abuse.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.*

Dated: February 10, 2015

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