

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE ACTION AND PREVENTION MONTH February 2024

WHEREAS, *Teen Dating Violence and Prevention Month calls attention to the fact that dating violence is widespread and can affect youth from any background in any community; and*

WHEREAS, *according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 11 female teens and 1 in 15 male teens reported experiencing physical violence in the last year; and*

WHEREAS, *according to the CDC, 1 in 9 female and 1 in 36 male high school students report having experienced sexual dating violence in the last year; and*

WHEREAS, *according to the CDC, 1 in 3 adolescents report verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual dating abuse each year; and*

WHEREAS, *rates of dating violence affect LGBTQ+ youth at rates higher than their cisgender and heterosexual peers; and*

WHEREAS, *teen dating violence has been linked to other forms of violence and aggression, and survivors are more likely to suffer from eating disorders, drug and alcohol use, dropout, teen pregnancy, future abusive relationships, and suicide; and*

WHEREAS, *nearly half of students who experience dating violence have reported that some of the abuse took place on school grounds; and*

WHEREAS, *the establishment of Teen Dating Violence Action and Prevention Month will benefit schools, communities, families, and all youth; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Paso Robles joins Lumia Alliance and Close to Home and other advocates and communities across the country in preventing dating violence, and acknowledges that each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.*

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, John R. Hamon Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as **Teen Dating Violence Action and Prevention Month** in the City of Paso Robles.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 20th day of February 2024
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*

*John R. Hamon Jr., Mayor
City of El Paso de Robles*