

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 100018)

RESOLUTION

Designating the month of February as “Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Philadelphia.”

WHEREAS, Dating, domestic, and sexual violence affect women regardless of age, and teens and young women are especially vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, The severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to be greater in cases where the pattern of violence has been established in adolescence; and

WHEREAS, Technologies such as cell phones and the Internet have made dating abuse both more pervasive and more hidden; and

WHEREAS, Thirty percent of teenagers report digital abuse, which along with “sexting,” is becoming a new frontier for teen dating abuse; and

WHEREAS, Seventy-two percent of teenagers who reported that they had been monitored by a boyfriend or girlfriend ten times per hour by e-mail or text messaging did not tell their parents and many parents are largely unaware of the cell phone and Internet harassment experienced by teenagers; and

WHEREAS, A majority of parents surveyed believe they have had a conversation with their teen about what it means to be in a healthy relationship, but the majority of teens surveyed said that they have not had a conversation about dating abuse with a parent in the past year; and

WHEREAS, Primary prevention programs are a key part of addressing teen dating violence and many successful community examples include education, community outreach, and social marketing campaigns that also understand the cultural appropriateness of programs; and

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WHEREAS, The establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Philadelphia will benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or sex; now, therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Council hereby designates February 2010 as “Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month” in the City.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-eighth of January, 2010.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Greenlee, DiCicco and Jones

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Greenlee, DiCicco, Jones, Goode, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Kenney and Krajewski