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Proclaiming National Youth Violence Prevention Week

National Youth Violence Prevention Week was established as a collaborative effort by the Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Club¹, an initiative supported by the Sandy Hook Promise, to raise awareness about youth violence and promote strategies for its prevention. The incidents of youth violence have garnered national attention following the aftermath of Sandy Hook and here in Los Angeles County in 2019 at Saugus High School.

We have witnessed the impact of these tragic events on the well-being of our community, and this Board has supported initiatives to reduce gun violence. We are grateful for the unwavering community support from our Department of Mental Health and the emergency response efforts of our first responders, including Los Angeles County Fire, the Sheriff’s Department, and other partners.

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¹ <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/take-action/get-involved/national-youth-violence-prevention-week/>

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This proclamation serves as a vital effort to raise awareness and mobilize action to prevent youth violence by recognizing its multifaceted nature, promoting collaboration, and identifying effective violence prevention strategies. Los Angeles County is a community that unites, and we will continue supporting those in need. The County has created various programs to help promote youth safety in schools, like the Department of Mental Health’s School Threat Assessment Response Teams (START). Youth, parents, and school employees can contact START at (213) 739-5565 or START@dmh.lacounty.gov when they think there may be a threat of school violence, and trained mental health professionals will assess the risk and respond appropriately. Together, we can strive to create a safer and more promising world for our youth.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Proclaim the week of April 22 - 26, 2024, as “National Youth Violence Prevention Week” throughout Los Angeles County; and
- 2) Encourage Los Angeles County residents and community partners to engage in youth violence prevention programs to make schools and neighborhoods safer.

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