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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HILDA L. SOLIS

January 13, 2026

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**Proclaiming February 2026 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Raising awareness on teen dating violence is important to empower youth to recognize signs of dating violence, and equip them with the tools to develop safe, healthy, and respectful relationships. Teen dating violence does not just refer to physical abuse but also involves, emotional, sexual, verbal, and digital abuse. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, teen violence is common and impacts millions of youth throughout the United States. In fact, about one in twelve youth experience physical dating violence, and about one in ten experience sexual dating violence. Importantly, female students experience higher rates of physical and sexual dating violence, as well as those who identify as LGBTQ+ or are unsure of their gender identify.

Teen dating violence can impact anyone and can have deadly consequences. Such was the case of the teen in Azusa who lost her life at the hands of her ex-boyfriend days before Christmas in December 2024. As a result of this tragic case, last year, the Board approved a [motion to raise awareness on domestic violence prevention](#), directing the Department of Public Health (DPH) in partnership with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to develop a prevention toolkit to raise awareness

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on teen dating violence. In response to this motion, and recognizing that beliefs and behaviors around relationships are often shaped during adolescence, the team developed the “Check for Respect: Teen Dating Violence Prevention Toolkit,” specifically designed for youth ages 12–24.

The “Check for Respect: Teen Dating Violence Prevention Toolkit” will launch in February 2026 in alignment with Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, with toolkit materials available on the [“Check for Respect” website](#). DPH’s Office of Violence Prevention will disseminate the toolkit widely, including via community-based organizations and in partnership with LACOE and the Los Angeles Unified School District. The toolkit includes information on recognizing signs of abuse, existing resources to prevent intimate partner violence, and information on raising awareness on the prevalence of intimate partner violence and healthy relationship dynamics. Notably, the toolkit was reviewed by youth ages 14-18 throughout the County, and their feedback was directly incorporated to ensure it adequately centered youth.

Proclaiming February 2026 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Los Angeles County and promoting the “Check for Respect: Teen Dating Violence Prevention Toolkit” will amplify the County’s ongoing commitment to raising awareness and preventing teen dating violence, while empowering youth to develop healthy relationships.

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**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors declare February 2026 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month across Los Angeles County, and encourage the Chief Executive Office Countywide Communications and all County Departments, in partnership with the Department of Public Health, to promote the “Check for Respect: Teen Dating Violence Prevention Toolkit”.

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