

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Tyler Maxwell

Hereby Recognizes:

Marjaree Mason Center

WHEREAS, the Marjaree Mason Center serves over 8,000 adults and children each year and has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment as a vital partner in Fresno County. They provide a safe and empowering space for survivors of abuse to overcome adversity and rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, the center has continually advocated for the safety of teens impacted by dating violence, a serious issue which affects 1 in 3 teens in the United States. Every February, a dedicated observance is held to recognize victims of teen dating violence, offering essential support and safety for those affected; and

WHEREAS, survivors of teen dating violence face increased risks, including self-harming, dropping out of school, substance abuse, and significant mental health challenges. The Marjaree Mason Center provides crucial support to teens experiencing abuse and offers resources to reduce these unhealthy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with community organizations, law enforcement, and healthcare providers, the center creates a comprehensive support system that ensures survivors of all ages have access to critical services and resources to foster resilience and long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Marjaree Mason Center has been a champion in decreasing dating violence through its educational programs, awareness campaigns, and prevention strategies for parents and educators to recognize, respond to, and prevent abusive relationships. Through their "KNOW MORE" program in Fresno, they have been a valuable partner in equipping our youth with the tools and knowledge to recognize healthy and unhealthy relationships, further supporting efforts to prevent teen dating violence. On this Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, the Marjaree Mason Center is especially deserving of being recognized as a regional leader in helping survivors break the cycle of abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2025 to be:

"Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Fresno

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this First Day of February of the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

MIKE KARBASSI, Council President

MIGUEL ARIAS, Council Vice President

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