

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council President Tyler Maxwell

Is hereby presented to:

Marjaree Mason Center

WHEREAS, The Marjaree Mason Center is a dedicated partner within Fresno County that provides a wide variety of direct support to victims of domestic violence while also working to end the cycle of abuse through advocacy and education; and

WHEREAS, each February, the formal recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month allows the community to acknowledge and show their support for survivors and raise awareness about teen dating violence while promoting safe and healthy relationships; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1 in 3 U.S. teens is physically, emotionally, or verbally abused by a dating partner before they reach adulthood; and

WHEREAS, survivors of teen dating violence have an increased risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, developing eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, across Fresno County, compassionate and dedicated professionals working within middle schools and high schools have partnered with Marjaree Mason Center through their KNOW MORE Peer Educator program to help prevent and end teen dating violence by increasing public understanding of the prevalent issue.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 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 9th day of February of the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

TYLER MAXWELL, Council President

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