

CITY OF FRESNO

The Fresno City Council

Is hereby presented to:

Marjaree Mason Center

for their tireless work and leadership in working towards a community free of domestic violence

WHEREAS: each year, an estimated 1 in 3 teens are physically, emotionally, or verbally abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS: survivors of teen dating violence have increased risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, having eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; 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 advocates to end the cycle of abuse through education; and

WHEREAS: Wear Orange Day, February 8th, is a national day dedicated to raising awareness on teen dating violence, to supporting survivors, and to preventing abuse before it starts; and

WHEREAS: a partnership of schools across Fresno County emerged to directly confront this crisis and are achieving success. The Marjaree Mason Center, along with its kNOW MORE® Peer Educators, are helping in the effort to prevent and end teen dating violence. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these professionals and students across Fresno County high schools and middle schools and increase public understanding of this important problem.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that we, Nelson Esparza, Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim, the month of February 2022 as:

“Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month”

in the City of Fresno,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands
and affixed the Seal of The City of Fresno, California, this 17th day of February 2022.

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President District 7

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