



**RESOLUTION #26-04  
PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2026  
NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, prevention approaches understand that adaptations in a society require data-based, comprehensive, long-term approaches and that integrated changes are required at each level of society;

**WHEREAS**, the only way to be effective in reducing and eliminating a public health problem, such as domestic violence, is by creating changes across our systems, environments and policies that, over time, will create healthy protective environments and communities;

**WHEREAS**, teen dating violence intervention and prevention programs can help to ensure a positive school climate and safe learning environment for all youth ages 12 to 24;

**WHEREAS**, education and outreach programs to community members address warning signs of teen dating violence before behaviors escalate, and protect the safety of at-risk young people;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations for a comprehensive primary prevention program, multiple strategies are required such as teaching safe and healthy relationship skills, engaging influential adults and peers, disrupting the developmental pathways toward partner violence, creating protective environments, strengthening economic supports for families, and supporting survivors to increase safety and lessen harm;

**WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 3 adolescents report verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual dating abuse each year;

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Psychological Association, one in three teens ages 14 to 20 have experienced dating abuse and about the same number say they have committed dating abuse themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 11 female teens and 1 in 15 male teens reported experiencing physical violence in the last year,

**WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 9 female teens and 1 in 36 male teens reported experiencing sexual dating violence in the last year;

**WHEREAS**, according to the National 2021 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey, 15% of American Indian/Alaska Native teens, 14% of Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander teens, and 8% of Black teens reported experiencing physical dating violence;

**WHEREAS**, 43% of lesbian, gay, and bisexual teens reported experiencing physical dating violence, compared to 29% of straight youth;

**WHEREAS**, 59% of lesbian, gay, and bisexual teens reported emotional abuse, compared to 46% of straight youth;

**WHEREAS**, 50% of Transgender youth reported experiencing sexual violence at some point in their lives;

**WHEREAS**, teen dating violence has been linked to other forms of violence and aggression against peers, including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and physical violence;

**WHEREAS**, teen dating violence, also known as dating abuse, is a serious problem throughout California;

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

**WHEREAS**, Youth who are survivors in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college, and adolescent perpetrators of dating violence are more likely to abuse their intimate partners as adults;

**WHEREAS**, by preventing domestic violence, we also address significant long-term health impacts of domestic violence. Women who are survivors of violence are 80% more likely to suffer a stroke, 70% more likely to have heart disease and 60% more likely to become asthmatic;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit schools, communities, families, and all youth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Oxnard Union High School District Board of Trustees, proclaims the month of February 2026 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and supports communities to empower teens to develop healthy and violence-free relationships throughout their lives; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Oxnard Union High School District calls upon the people of California, including schools, community groups, families, and youth to observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month with programs

and activities that raise awareness about the dynamics of teen dating violence and support young people in learning the skills to have safe and healthy relationships.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 by the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District.

AYES: 4  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 1

**ABSTAIN:**

State of California  
County of Ventura



Karen M. Sher, M.Ed.  
President, Board of Trustees  
Oxnard Union High School District



Dr. Tom McCoy  
Superintendent  
Oxnard Union High School District