



Legislation Text

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Title

Joint Proclamation Declaring February 2024 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) (Commissioner Meier)

Action

ACTION:

Adopt a proclamation designating February 2024 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County

Commission Contact: Commissioner Meier; Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Susan Rodriguez-McDowell and Jerrell

Staff Contact: Alex Pyun, Community Support Services, Social Services Supervisor

Presentation: Yes

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

According to Love Is Respect, "1 in 3 U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before becoming adults." And among U.S. adults, "1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men who experienced rape, physical violence, and stalking by an intimate partner first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age." Among Charlotte-Mecklenburg high school students who responded to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey in 2019, 9% reported being physically hurt by someone they were dating or going out with one or more times in the past 12 months, compared with 7% in 2017. Recognizing Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month honors the experiences of teens in our community, amplifies the message that teens deserve healthy relationships, and highlights resources available to support teens who are experiencing unhealthy or abusive relationships.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A