

City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County



JOINT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, teen dating violence is a form of intimate partner violence that may include physical or sexual violence, psychological harm, stalking, economic abuse, or cyber abuse; one in three U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or psychological abuse from someone they are in a relationship with before becoming adults; and

WHEREAS, up to 9% of Charlotte-Mecklenburg high school students have disclosed being physically hurt by someone they were dating or going out with; teen dating violence does not exist in isolation, but is often connected to other forms of interpersonal and community violence; and

WHEREAS, teens who experience intimate partner violence are at higher risk of negative physical and behavioral health outcomes, as well as higher risk of experiencing relationship violence into adulthood; by providing young people with education about healthy relationships and relationship skills, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that teen dating violence can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to raise community awareness and to provide training for adults to recognize and support teens who are experiencing unhealthy or abusive relationships; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month benefits young people, their families, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, everyone deserves safe and healthy relationships and freedom from abuse:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as


“TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the official Seals of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.



Vi Alexander Lyles
Mayor



George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County
Commissioners