

**PROCLAMATION**  
***Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month***  
***February***

*WHEREAS*, one in three teens experience relationship abuse; and

*WHEREAS*, high school students who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, are at greater risk of suicide, and are much more likely to carry patterns of abuse into future relationships; and

*WHEREAS*, young people, victimized by a dating partner, are more likely to engage in risky sexual behavior and unhealthy dieting behaviors, and the experience may disrupt normal development of self-esteem and body image; and

*WHEREAS*, nearly half of teens who experience dating violence report that incidents of abuse took place in a school building or on school grounds; and

*WHEREAS*, only 33% of teens who are in an abusive relationship ever tell anyone about the abuse and 81% of parents surveyed either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is one; and

*WHEREAS*, by providing young people with education about healthy relationships, relationship skills, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Alameda Domestic Violence Task Force (comprised of Building Futures with Women and Children, Alameda Boys & Girls Club, the Alameda Police Department, Alameda Hospital, the City of Alameda, Family Violence Law Center, Alameda Family Services, Alameda Point Collaborative, Alameda's Social Service Human Relations Board, and Girls Incorporated of the Island City) coordinates domestic violence prevention and intervention services in the City of Alameda, executes outreach activities during teen dating violence awareness month and domestic violence awareness month, and mobilizes all members of our community to take a proactive role in building a domestic violence free community; and

*WHEREAS*, the establishment of Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month will benefit young people and their families, schools, and communities regardless of socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, or ethnicity; and

*WHEREAS*, everyone has the right to a safe and healthy relationship and to be free from abuse.

*THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED* that the Alameda Unified School District proclaims February 2016 as Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED* this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gary K. Lym, President  
Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District  
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Sean McPhetridge, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District  
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