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Recommendation to request a resolution in support of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in February.

National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month is an effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen relationships and promote programs that prevent it during the month of February. Dating violence is a type of intimate partner violence, and occurs between two people in a close relationship. According to a recent national survey, 1 in 10 teens reported being hit or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend at least once in the last 12 months. In addition, 1 in 4 teenagers have been in a relationship where a partner is verbally abusive.

Dating violence can have a negative effect on health throughout life. Victims of teen dating violence are more likely to experience symptoms of depression and anxiety. They might also engage in unhealthy behaviors, such as using tobacco, drugs, and alcohol. Teens who are victims in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college.

By supporting National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, the City of Long Beach can bring awareness to the issue on a local level and demonstrate its commitment to creating a healthier community.

There is no fiscal impact.

Approve recommendation.

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