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Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Council Members Jean Quan

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2011
AS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
MONTH.**

WHEREAS, teen dating violence is a serious and growing problem throughout California, and has become a prevalent problem in high schools and middle schools; and

WHEREAS, teen dating violence is a pattern of controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior over another in a relationship, and can include verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or a combination of any of those; and

WHEREAS, victims of teen dating violence can be females or males; and

WHEREAS, one in three teenagers has experienced violence in a dating relationship and has feared for his/her physical safety; and

WHEREAS, one in five teenagers in a serious relationship reports having been hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner; and

WHEREAS, one in four girls who have been in a relationship reports having been pressured to have sex or to engage in sexual activities that they did not want; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that teen dating violence starts at an early age, with 11 to 14 year olds able to identify aspects of teen dating abuse in their social lives; and

WHEREAS, a majority of parents surveyed either believed dating violence is not a serious issue or admit they do not know if it is an issue; and

WHEREAS, involvement in violent relationships during the adolescent years can have serious ramifications for victims, putting them at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult re-victimization; and

WHEREAS, the severity of violence between intimate partners has been observed to be greater in cases in which a pattern of violence has been established in adolescence; and

WHEREAS, teenagers deserve to be in a relationship free of fear of violence, and have the right to have safe relationships; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that I, Jean Quan, Mayor of the City of Oakland and the Oakland City Council hereby proclaim the month of February 2011 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and urge all citizens to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, schools and communities.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California.