

City of
PEORIA
Proclamation

Whereas, one in three adolescents in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner - a figure that far exceeds other types of violence affecting youth; and

Whereas, high school students who witness, experience, or perpetrate 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, 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, by providing young people with education about red flags and root causes of violence and building skills for healthy relationships, 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 teachers, parents/caregivers, youth service providers, and trusted adults so that they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence and serve as allies for prevention; and

Whereas, the establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month will benefit young people, their families, schools, and communities by spreading awareness that everyone has the right to a safe and healthy relationship, and to be free from abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Cathy Carlát, Mayor of the City of Peoria, Arizona, do hereby proclaim February as

"Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month"

In Witness Thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Peoria, Arizona to be affixed this 4th day of February, 2020.



Cathy Carlát
Cathy Carlát, Mayor

Attest:

Rhonda Geriminsky
Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk