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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF TEEN DATING
VIOLENCE AWARENESS**

- WHEREAS,** Teen Dating Violence (TDV) is a public health problem and includes any form of abuse, harassment, and/or stalking of a teenager in the context of current or past romantic or consensual relationship; *and*
- WHEREAS,** One in every 12 teenagers will experience physical dating violence, and one in every 10 teenagers will experience sexual dating violence, and TDV affects millions of young people in the U.S. and around the world; *and*
- WHEREAS,** TDV impacts youth regardless of gender, race, socioeconomic class, sexual orientation, and more, but female and youth who identify as LGBTQIA2S+ experience higher rates of TDV; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This kind of violence can be preventable with education, advocacy, initiatives, and awareness; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Resources for youth, schools, families, and communities are available through domestic violence, youth, LGBTQIA2S+, and other organizations; healthcare and mental health professionals; school-based services; support networks; and more; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Raising awareness about TDV is important because it affirms to those who are experiencing or have experienced violence that they are not alone, and helps those assisting someone navigating TDV understand how to best support them; ***THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes the importance of Teen Dating Violence (TDV) awareness and affirms its commitment to spreading awareness and advancing equitable, accessible, and culturally responsive TDV resources.

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