

**BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-29  
DESIGNATING 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. It 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 relationships report 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 is starting at an earlier 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 believe dating violence is not an issue or they 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 partner**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education hereby designates February 2011 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and urges all citizens to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, in our schools and in our communities

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup>