



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To recognize February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and to acknowledge the efforts of Jewish Family Services in advocating for teen dating violence prevention.

**WHEREAS**, Teen Dating Violence is defined as a pattern of abusive behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner, the violence can escalate over time, and therefore make it more dangerous for the young victim; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 and 3 young people will experience some form of abuse in their dating relationships with young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experiencing the highest rate of violence incurred from an intimate partner; and

**WHEREAS**, Dating violence can result in physical abuse, verbal or emotional abuse, sexual abuse, or digital abuse where the victim is abused through the use of technologies and or social media to intimidate, harass, or threaten ; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Family Services is advocating for the prevention of teen dating violence through the “Let’s Talk Respect” initiative which includes the Purple Teen Party, and is designed to create a community that empowers teens to build strong, healthy relationships, fostering a culture of respect; and

**WHEREAS**, The Purple Teen Party will allow teen girls, mothers and mentors throughout Central Ohio to celebrate individuality, self-respect and healthy relationships through informative workshops, a fashion show, and a special message from Keynote Speaker Melissa Roshan Potter; and

**WHEREAS**, By educating young people on the necessity of having respect for themselves, and showing respect for others, Jewish Family Services along with parents, mentors, and supporters in the community will provide a beacon of hope for those currently in abusive relationships, and serve as an inspiration to others, who are committed to preventing teen dating violence.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council recognizes the importance of preventing teen dating violence, and does hereby recognize the month of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.