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To honor the National Council of Jewish Women, Columbus Section, for their tireless efforts in helping reduce teen dating abuse and to recognize February as National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month is a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in youth relationships and promote programs that prevent it; and

WHEREAS, one in every three teenagers will experience an abusive dating relationship by the time they graduate from high school or college, and 10 percent of adolescents report being physically abused by a romantic partner; and

WHEREAS, research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that dating abuse victims are more likely to engage in binge drinking, suicide attempts, physical fights and sexual activity, as well as having double the likelihood of using drugs, alcohol and tobacco; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Jewish Women, Columbus Section, has initiated a community-wide effort to prevent teen dating abuse through its Love Shouldn't Hurt program; and

WHEREAS, Love Shouldn't Hurt helps students identify the warning signs of abusive relationships, the foundations of healthy relationships, and a safe strategy to break free from harmful relationships; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Jewish Women, Columbus Section, has also launched a public awareness program to reach teens, parents, educators and the general public, with billboards, newspaper ads, public service announcements, and posters; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Jewish Women is a volunteer organization, inspired by Jewish values, that works to improve the quality of life for all women, children and families and to ensure individual rights and freedoms for all through its network of 90,000 members, supporters and volunteers nationwide, and over 600 members and volunteers in the greater Columbus area; now therefore

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

That this Council honors the National Council of Jewish Women, Columbus Section, for their tireless efforts in helping reduce teen dating abuse and recognizes February as National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month.