

**Elk Grove Unified School District
Elk Grove, California**

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Resolution No: 44, 2013-14

WHEREAS, February has been designated as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month to highlight the importance of healthy relationships and to raise awareness of available support in our community; and

WHEREAS, 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 adolescents report verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse from a dating partner each year; and

WHEREAS, females aged 16 to 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence, at almost triple the national average; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80% of girls who have been physically abused in their intimate relationship continue to date their abuser;

WHEREAS, only 33% of teens who are in an abusive relationship tell someone; and

WHEREAS, several support agencies provide a variety of direct service and prevention education programs which enable local teens to recognize healthy relationships; and

WHEREAS, Elk Grove Unified School District believes in the importance of human dignity and mutual respect as demonstrated in all aspects of social interactions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education that we do hereby recognize February 2014 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Elk Grove Unified School District on February 18, 2014.