



PROCLAMATION

**NATIONAL TEEN DATING
VIOLENCE AWARENESS &
PREVENTION MONTH**

February 2010

WHEREAS, one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, youth who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, attempted suicide and bring patterns of abuse into future relationships; and

WHEREAS, young women between 16 and 24 experience abuse at almost triple the national average; and

WHEREAS, only 1/3 of teens in abusive relationships tell anyone; and

WHEREAS, Break the Cycle believes that everybody has the right to safe and healthy relationships; and

WHEREAS, Break the Cycle has helped nearly 300,000 youth avoid abuse and build healthy relationships using a variety of platforms, partnerships and social media; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, for the first time ever, Break the Cycle will be expanding its reach and including teen members of the LGBTQ community in its dating violence awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS, if successful, it is hoped that this teen initiative will serve as an LGBTQ role model for other cities and states throughout the country:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of West Hollywood does hereby applaud the efforts of Break the Cycle and declare February, 2010, National Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month. Further, the City Council of West Hollywood extends its most sincere wishes for Break the Cycle's continued success, and the day when it will no longer be needed, on this, the 1st day of February, 2010.

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Abbe Land
Mayor

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Mayor Pro Tempore

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Councilmember

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