Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, teen dating violence is a serious and pervasive issue that affects young people across our nation, with an estimated 1 in 3 teens experiencing some form of physical, emotional, or psychological abuse in their relationships; and

WHEREAS, abusive relationships can have long-term, damaging effects on the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of young people, leading to issues such as low self-esteem, depression, anxiety, and an increased risk of future abusive relationships; and

WHEREAS, February has been designated as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness about the prevalence and impact of teen dating violence, and to promote healthy, respectful relationships among youth; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to educate teens, parents, educators, and communities about the warning signs of dating violence, how to intervene, and the resources available to support those affected, so that every young person has the tools and support they need to build safe, positive relationships; and

WHEREAS, prevention efforts, such as open communication, education, and programs that promote respect and equality, play a critical role in empowering teens to recognize and reject unhealthy behaviors and choose non-violent, respectful relationships; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the importance of supporting survivors of teen dating violence and working together to provide resources and opportunities for healing, empowerment, and justice for those affected; and

WHEREAS, Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month serves as a time to reflect on the importance of fostering a culture of respect, kindness, and equality among young people and a reminder that everyone deserves a relationship free from abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida together with the City Commissioners hereby proclaim the Month of February 2026 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in the City of Sunrise and call upon all to raise awareness about the issue, promote healthy relationships, and join in the efforts to prevent dating violence and support survivors in our community.



Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida

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Michael J. Ryan, Mayor