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County Clerk, Hunt County, Tex.  
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## Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, teen dating violence is defined as physical, sexual psychological, or emotional abuse within a dating relationship among adolescents; and

**WHEREAS**, teen dating violence may occur in person, on social media, online, or through other electronic communication, taking forms such as verbal or physical abuse, cyberstalking, non-consensual distribution of intimate images, or other technology-facilitated acts; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Coalition Against Teen Dating Violence:

- 1 in 10 high school students have experienced physical violence from a dating partner in the last year;
- each year, nearly 1.5 million high school students in the United States are physically abused by a dating partner;
- College campuses report even more alarming statistics, with 43% of college women reporting violent or abusive behaviors from their partner and 1 in 5 women being sexually assaulted during their college tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, teen dating violence affects individuals of all genders and does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or background, underscoring the need for comprehensive awareness and education efforts; and

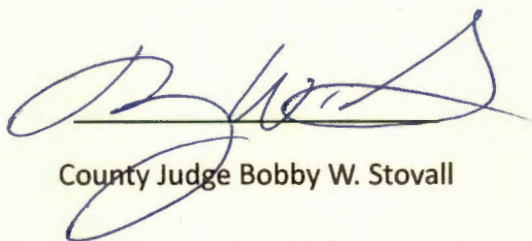
**WHEREAS**, organizations like Women In Need take a stand against all forms of violence and are proud to provide programs in the local school to educate teens about healthy relationships, red flags of abuse, and the risks associated with teen dating violence, helping to empower young people with knowledge and tools to foster safety and respect in relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, educating teens about healthy relationships, domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, cyberbullying, and stalking, as well as modeling and promoting healthy behaviors within dating relationships, are key strategies to help mitigate teen dating violence in our society; and

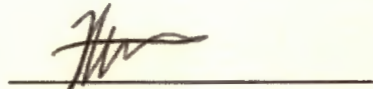
**WHEREAS**, fostering an understanding of the real consequences of violent behaviors among teens can help reduce the prevalence of teen dating violence and contribute to healthier future relationships and marriages.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunt County Commissioners Court do hereby proclaim the month of FEBRUARY as TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

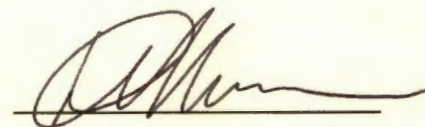
In the county of Hunt, we call upon all citizens to help raise awareness about teen dating violence in our community and to support organizations that aim to eradicate this crime, assist those affected, and work together to create a safer future for all teens.



County Judge Bobby W. Stovall



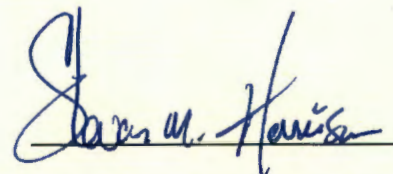
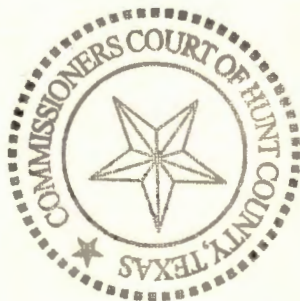
Commissioner Mark Hutchins



Commissioner David Monroe



Commissioner Garry Smith



Commissioner Steven Harrison

Attest: 

County Clerk Becky Landrum

