

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2023

WHEREAS, NEWS, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services is commemorating 42 years of service to survivors of domestic violence in Napa County, having opened the first confidential safe house on October 5, 1981 and began providing safety to those escaping abuse; and

WHEREAS, every year since 1989, the United States Congress has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, renewing our Country's commitment to standing against domestic violence and meeting the needs of survivors; and

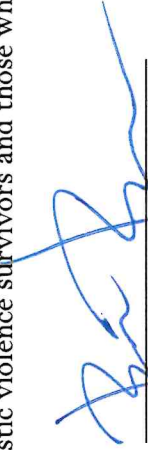
WHEREAS, domestic violence is a public health concern that impacts the well-being and success of individual community members, as well as the community as a whole. Data from the U.S. Centers of Disease Control's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NIPSVS) show that nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men in the U.S. report experiencing severe physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime while nearly half of U.S. adults have experienced psychological aggression such as humiliating or controlling behaviors from their partner; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can cause severe physical and emotional distress for survivors who are more likely to become suicidal and lose economic opportunities from the abuse. Children who witness abuse are likely to experience abuse themselves and are often used to control other family members which can have lifelong impacts on their mental health. Aside from the obvious physical and emotional trauma inflicted, domestic violence contributes to over 10% of all intentional violent deaths (not including suicide) and costs America over 8 billion dollars a year; and

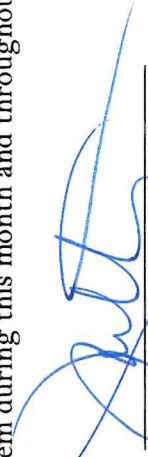
WHEREAS, by observing **October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month** we show that our community is committed to supporting survivors and working toward the prevention of domestic violence among future generations; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2022/2023 NEWS provided services to nearly 1,800 of our Napa County community members, including 24-hour response, assistance with protective orders, safety and shelter, permanent housing, financial aid, support groups and children's services, for issues related to violence in the home; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 10th day of October 2023, does hereby recognize **October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Napa County, and in doing so, we encourage all members of the community to honor domestic violence survivors and those who serve them during this month and throughout the year.



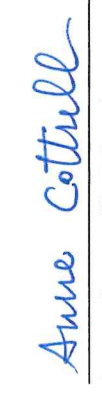
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