

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2025

WHEREAS, NEWS Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services has been a lifeline in Napa County for 44 years, opening the County’s first confidential safe house on October 5, 1981, and since then providing safety, shelter, and hope for survivors escaping abuse; and

WHEREAS, every year since 1989, the United States Congress has recognized October as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, reaffirming our nation’s commitment to stand against domestic violence and to meet the needs of survivors; and

WHEREAS, **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** is a time to raise awareness and to uplift the voices, needs, and experiences of survivors. This year’s national theme, “*With Survivors Always*,” calls on each of us to work in partnership with survivors, ensuring they are supported, believed, and never alone in their journey toward healing; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a public health crisis that touches every corner of our community, undermining the safety, health, and success of individuals and families. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s 2022 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, nearly one in three women and one in four men in the United States report experiencing severe physical violence from an intimate partner during their lifetime, while nearly half of all adults report experiencing psychological aggression. Survivors are at greater risk of suicidal thoughts, economic instability, and long-term health challenges. Children who witness abuse are especially vulnerable, often carrying the trauma into adulthood. Beyond the human cost, domestic violence contributes to more than 10% of intentional violent deaths (excluding suicide) and carries an economic toll exceeding \$8 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, in observing **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, Napa County reaffirms our commitment to survivors, honors the organizations and individuals who serve them, and strengthens our resolve to prevent domestic violence for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 7th day of October 2025, does hereby recognize **October 2025** as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Napa County. We encourage all members of the community to uplift and support domestic violence survivors and those who serve them during this month and throughout the year.

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