

Proclamation

Recognizing October 2023 as
Domestic Violence Awareness Month



WHEREAS, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, progress continues to be made toward violence prevention, domestic and intimate partner violence remains a serious issue affecting all people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sex, gender, socioeconomic status, literacy, sexuality, ability, religion, culture, and immigration status; and

WHEREAS, domestic and intimate partner violence violates an individual's dignity, security, and humanity with the systematic use of control through physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences including difficulty at school, substance abuse, behavioral problems in adolescence, and serious adult health problems; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (HDVS) has been serving Humboldt County since 1977 to continuously support all those living with or escaping abuse; and

WHEREAS, all survivors deserve access to culturally responsive prevention programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency. HDVS enlists a diverse array of allies, agencies, and community members in supporting survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, only together can we change the health and safety of our community by challenging the societal norms that perpetuate violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors recognizes the month of October 2023 to be DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH and celebrates HDVS's 46 years of effort to improve community safety by breaking the cycle of domestic and intimate partner violence.

Dated: October 3, 2023

Chair, Steve Madrone