



City of Fortuna Proclamation

In Recognition and Support of **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

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

*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;

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 RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fortuna proclaims October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" The Council celebrates HDVS's 46 years of effort to improve community safety by breaking the cycle of domestic and intimate partner violence.

SIGNED this 16th day of October 2023 at the City of Fortuna, in the State of California, and in witness thereof, the seal of Fortuna.

*Tami Trent,
Mayor, City of Fortuna*