



# City of Fortuna Proclamation

*In Recognition and Support of*

## **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** **October, 2024**

*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 survivors are deprived of dignity, security, and autonomy with the systematic use of control and power 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;*

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

*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;*

*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 recognizes the month of **October 2024** to be **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**. The Council celebrates HDVS's 47 years of effort to improve community safety by breaking the cycle of domestic and intimate partner violence.*

*SIGNED this 7th day of October 2024 at the City of Fortuna, in the State of California, and in witness thereof, the seal of Fortuna.*

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*Tami Trent, Mayor*  
*City of Fortuna*