



Recognizing October 2025 as
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and progress continues to be made toward violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, 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 health problems into adulthood; 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 City Council of the City of Arcata recognizes the month of **October 2025** to be **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**. The Council celebrates HDVS's 48 years of effort to improve community safety by breaking the cycle of domestic and intimate partner violence.

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Alexandra Stillman
Mayor