



PROCLAMATION

designating the month of

OCTOBER 2017

as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and

would encourage all Californians to observe

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS although progress has been made toward breaking the cycle of violence and providing support to victims and their families, much work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for victims and their children fleeing violence; and

WHEREAS, advocates and organizations work on behalf of victims every day. Domestic violence shelters and services, law enforcement officials, health care providers, court systems and legal aid providers, tribal organizations, and others are all an integral part of the effort to end domestic violence and must be recognized and applauded for their work; and

WHEREAS victims of domestic violence embody incredible strength and resilience; and

WHEREAS there is a need to increase the public awareness and understanding of domestic violence and the needs of victims; and

WHEREAS domestic violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California; and

WHEREAS the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Psychological Association, women with disabilities have a 40 percent greater risk of intimate partner violence than women without disabilities; and

WHEREAS American Indian women residing on reservations suffer domestic violence and physical assault at rates 50% higher than women of other races and at least 70% of this violence is committed by persons of another race; and

WHEREAS recognizing the need to understand the complexity of violence as perpetuated within communities and against communities, and the fear of many victims to report to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS domestic violence has a significant economic impact on women, throughout the country, an estimated 8 million days of paid work is lost as the result of intimate partner violence. Domestic violence costs \$8.3 billion in expenses annually: a combination of higher medical costs (\$5.8 billion) and lost productivity (\$2.5 billion); and

WHEREAS among families, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness; and

WHEREAS all victims deserve access to culturally appropriate programs and services to increase their safety and improve their life situations; and

WHEREAS approximately 40% of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS women 18-24 years of age are significantly more likely to be victims of physical intimate partner violence than women in other age groups; and

WHEREAS California law enforcement agencies received 162,302 domestic violence-related calls in 2015; and

WHEREAS there were 118 domestic violence related homicides in California in 2015, of which 91 of the fatalities were female and 27 were male; and

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

WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the vital role that all Californians can play in preventing and one day ending domestic violence; now, therefore, be it

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE PROCLAIMED that the Lassen County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 2017, and each following October, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The foregoing Proclamation was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California held in Susanville on the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

BY: _____
MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board