



PROCLAMATION BY THE
LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2019

WHEREAS, One in every four women and one in every seven men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Two out of three children are exposed to trauma and violence; and

WHEREAS, Lassen Family Services provided 892 domestic violence and sexual assault related services to 241 men, women and children victims of domestic violence in 2018; and

WHEREAS, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leave a mark on family, friends, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, families are indispensable to a stable society, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation; and

WHEREAS, violence against women and children is a prevalent social ill due to the historical imbalance of power in gender and age; however, domestic violence is widespread and is devastating to society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, emergency and transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, victims of violence and their families may seek assistance from appropriate victims' services organizations such as Lassen Family Services; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; and

WHEREAS, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; and

WHEREAS, important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, healthcare providers, allied professionals, and victim services to assist victims of domestic violence and their families; and

WHEREAS, Lassen Family Services is dedicated to protecting vulnerable members of our community; and

WHEREAS, The County recognizes the vital role that all Californians contribute in preventing and one day ending domestic violence; and

NOW THEREFORE BE PROCLAIMED that the Lassen County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urges all Californians to work towards preventing and one day eliminating domestic violence.

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