

Resolution No. 2024 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of abusive and threatening behaviors perpetrated by an intimate partner or family member against another; and 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, domestic violence is a prevalent social problem significantly impacting the health and well-being of Solano residents; and it impacts people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in California and here in Solano County; and

WHEREAS, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States — more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year. One in three female homicide victims are murdered by their current or former partner every year. An estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to violence by family members; these children suffer deep and lasting emotional effects and are more likely to continue the cycle of abuse from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, Solano County law enforcement agencies completed reports on 1,710 domestic violence related calls for assistance in 2023, 1,702 of which involved weapons and 93 were strangulation incidents; and Solano Family Justice Center has assisted 927 clients experiencing domestic violence in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of supporting countywide efforts to reduce incidents of domestic violence in our community and has supported local efforts to interrupt the generational cycle of violence, including the Family Justice Center - Solano. The Family Justice Center - Solano, as a model program designed to reduce barriers for victims seeking services, is a warm and welcoming one-stop center where multiple co-located direct-service partners provide a full range of trauma-informed services for children, youth and adults affected by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 30 years ago, our awareness and response to domestic violence has greatly improved. What was too often seen as a private matter best hidden behind closed doors is now an established issue of local and national concern. Laws have changed, our culture transformed, and support services for survivors have improved. We continue our efforts to provide protection and justice for survivors and to prevent violence from occurring. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we stand with domestic abuse survivors ensuring their voices are heard and shedding light in this important issue; and

WHEREAS, this October, let us honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month by promoting peace in our own families, homes, and communities. Let us renew our commitment to end domestic violence -- in every corner of Solano County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize October 2024 to be "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and recognizes all local agencies working to reduce domestic and family violence in our communities.

Dated this 1st day of October 2024

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk