

Resolution No. 2016-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2016 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. Ninety-five percent of all domestic violence victims are women, and those between the ages of 18 and 34 endure the highest rates of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, each year in this nation more than four million women experience physical assault and rape by their partners. 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, the Board of Supervisors recognize the importance of supporting countywide efforts to reduce incidents of domestic violence and the Solano Family Justice Center as a model program designed to reduce barriers for victims seeking services and recognizes the efforts of all professionals working with domestic violence victims and survivors in providing services and support to prevent such victimization, including the District Attorney's Office of Family Violence Prevention, Solano Partnership Against Violence, the Solano County Sheriff's Office and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Fairfield Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit, Fighting Back Partnership, SafeQuest Solano, Child Haven, the Travis Air Force Base Family Advocacy Office, Kaiser Permanente Family Violence Prevention Team, and the Family Resource Centers that serve Solano County. These agencies are working to ease the physical and emotional pain inflicted on victims of domestic violence and are collaborating to raise awareness to put an end to this abusive behavior; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) nearly 20 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 have seen a significant drop in domestic violence homicides and improved training for police, prosecutors, and advocates. 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, celebrate our progress in combatting these crimes, and resolve to carry on until domestic violence is no more; 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 2016 to be "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and recognizes all local agencies working to reduce domestic and family violence in our communities.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2016

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk