

Resolution No. 2020 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020 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. Eighty 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, 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 the COVID-19 pandemic has presented unique challenges for domestic violence survivors, including intensified isolation and additional barriers to accessing support and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognize the importance of supporting countywide efforts to reduce incidents of domestic violence in our community. The Solano Family Justice Center, as a model program designed to reduce barriers for victims seeking services, recognizes the efforts of all professionals working with domestic violence victims and survivors. Such services continue to be offered by District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Unit and the Office of Family Violence Prevention, Solano Partnership Against Violence, Fairfield Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit, Fighting Back Partnership, SafeQuest Solano, Travis Air Force Base Family Advocacy Office, Kaiser Permanente Family Violence Prevention Team, Vacaville Police Department FIRST Office, Solano Advocates for Victims of Violence (SAVV) and Solano County Health & Social Services. 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) 26 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 2020 to be "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and recognizes all local agencies working to reduce domestic and family violence in our communities.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2020

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairperson
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk