

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.

Proclaiming the Month of October 2018 as)
“Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Monterey County)

WHEREAS, 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; 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, age, 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, we encourage domestic violence victims and their families to seek assistance from appropriate victims’ services organizations such as Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) of Monterey County; 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, domestic violence is preventable and healthy young relationships can be promoted through evidence based programs like Safe Dates, currently implemented in the high schools of Salinas; 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, we dedicate ourselves to protecting vulnerable members of our community; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County has a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence, address its brutal and destructive effects and make ending domestic violence a local priority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the county and all citizens thereof, does hereby proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Monterey County and urge all residents to actively support YWCA Monterey County's work towards the elimination of domestic violence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ and carried this ____ day of _____ by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ____, for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By

Deputy