



MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** October 12, 2021
FROM: Bonnie Gore, District Supervisor
SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation declaring October 2021 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

BACKGROUND

The prevalence of domestic violence is not confined to any specific group, sub-group, or population, but occurs regardless of economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, or societal barriers, and is sustained by lack of preventive measures and societal indifference. Forty percent of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes. These national statistics serve to inform our understanding that we all know somebody who is affected by this issue.

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. Here in Placer County many partnerships and collaborations work in conjunction with Stand Up Placer to address this issue and provide services to these underserved populations.

For this reason, it is important to raise awareness of domestic violence in our community so that citizens and businesses can learn about the issue, identify the extent of problem and work together to reduce it. To further this effort, we are requesting the Placer County Board of Supervisors declare the month of October 2021, as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" to urge all citizens to actively support Stand Up Placer's work toward the elimination of domestic violence.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation

Proclamation

IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2021 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, 1 in every 3 teenagers, 1 in every 4 women, and 1 in every 6 men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; a woman is assaulted or beaten every nine seconds in the U.S. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in this country. Every day, at least three U.S. women are killed by their partners; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year and approximately 60% of abusers abuse the children in the household; 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, survivors of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, we encourage domestic violence survivors and their families to seek assistance from appropriate victims' services organizations such as Stand Up Placer by calling the crisis hotline 1-800-575-5352 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the above PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held October 12, 2021, proclaiming the month of October 2021 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and October 21st as Go Purple, Wear Purple Day and urges all citizens to actively support Stand Up Placer's work towards the elimination of domestic violence.

Robert Weygandt, Supervisor, District 2
Chair 2021