



**Resolution  
of  
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County  
PROCLAIMS  
*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*  
*October 2016***

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, a part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, domestic violence has a significant economic impact on women, and throughout the country women lose 8 million paid work days each year as the result of intimate partner violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Alliance to End Homelessness reports that among families, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to increase public awareness and understanding of domestic violence and the needs of victims; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of domestic violence embody incredible strength and resilience, and deserve access to culturally appropriate programs and services to increase their safety and improve their life situations; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence programs in Ventura County provide essential, lifesaving services for victims and their children fleeing violence; and

**WHEREAS**, advocates and organizations work on behalf of victims every day. Domestic violence service providers, law enforcement officials, health care providers, court systems and many others are all an integral part of the effort to end domestic violence in Ventura County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in recognition of the important work done by local domestic violence programs, and urges all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work towards raising awareness of domestic violence, improving victim safety, and holding perpetrators accountable for their behaviors.

**PRESENTED THIS FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016**

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