



**Resolution  
of  
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County  
Proclaims  
October 2015  
“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”**

*Whereas, violence between intimate partners or former partners in dating or marriage relationships can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death; and*

*Whereas, Domestic Violence has been declared a public health epidemic; and*

*Whereas, Domestic Violence is a pervasive, life-threatening crime that affects millions of individuals across the United States regardless of age, economic status, race, religion or education; and*

*Whereas, children are particularly vulnerable as both victims of and witnesses to Domestic Violence. Approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; and*

*Whereas, per capita, Ventura County continues to have one of the highest reported incidences of Domestic Violence in the state of California, averaging 7,000 calls to law enforcement annually; and*

*Whereas, “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” is an opportunity to stand with domestic violence survivors, to celebrate the progress made in combating these crimes, and to re-commit ourselves to reducing Domestic Violence in Ventura County.*

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** in recognition of the important work done by local Domestic Violence programs, such as the Interface Children & Family Services, Ventura County District Attorney's Office, and Coalition for Family Harmony, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of October to be “National Domestic Violence Awareness Month”. Further the board urges all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work towards improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of Domestic Violence accountable for their behaviors.

***Presented this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015***

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