



*Proclaiming October 2022*  
*Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Ventura County*

*Whereas, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and*

*Whereas, domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California; and*

*Whereas, domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities; and*

*Whereas, there is a need to focus on the individualized needs of domestic violence survivors; and*

*Whereas, there is a need to provide education, awareness and understanding of domestic violence and its causes; and*

*Whereas, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence; and*

*Whereas, children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences including difficulty at school, substance abuse, behavioral problems in adolescence, and serious adult health problems; and*

*Whereas, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States<sup>2</sup>.*

*Whereas, there were 87 domestic violence related homicides in California in 2020, of which 70 of the fatalities were female and 17 were male, 7% of all homicides in 2020 were domestic violence related; and*

*Whereas, all survivors deserve access to culturally responsive programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency; and*

*Whereas, all communities deserve access to culturally responsive prevention programs and initiatives to improve overall community health and safety by challenging the societal norms that perpetuate violence; and*

*Whereas, although progress has been made toward preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done; and*

*Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; and*

*Whereas domestic violence service providers, law enforcement officials, health care providers, court systems and others are all an integral part of the effort to end domestic violence in Ventura County.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, in recognition of the important work done by local domestic violence programs; the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of October to be recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.*

*Presented on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2022*

*In Memoriam*  
*Carmen Ramírez*

*Linda Parks*  
Linda Parks, Supervisor 2nd District

*Kelly Long*  
Kelly Long, Supervisor 3rd District

*Matt LaVere*  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
Matt LaVere, Supervisor 1st District

*Robert O. Huber*  
Robert O. Huber, Supervisor 4th District

*Vianey Lopez*  
Vianey Lopez, Supervisor 5th District