

RESOLUTION NO. 24-226

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, we recommit ourselves to building a future where all people can feel safe, protected, empowered and deserving of relationships full of respect and kindness; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects thousands of people in Santa Barbara County, causes significant harm to the physical and mental health of survivors and their families, undermines their economic stability and overall well-being, and is a strain on the conscience of our County; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in four men have experienced sexual violence, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, while significant work lies ahead to make domestic violence a thing of the past, there are fierce advocates working tirelessly in Santa Barbara County to expand prevention efforts and provide greater access to safety and healing; and

WHEREAS, Standing Together to End Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence Solutions, and Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance team are leading the way to build healthy futures for all, delivering on key support services for survivors, and reducing the stigma of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, during Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, we honor the tremendous dedication of advocates and service providers, honor the resilience and courage of survivors, and recommit ourselves to standing with them for safety, dignity and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Santa Barbara County proclaims the month of October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and encourages all to raise your voices, spread awareness, and actively advocate for healthy and supportive relationships.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15th day of October, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.