

1 [Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October 2024]

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3 **Resolution recognizing October 2024 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”**  
4 **in the City and County of San Francisco, and reaffirming its commitment to**  
5 **supporting initiatives that raise awareness, prevent domestic violence, and**  
6 **provide resources and services to survivors.**

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8 WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month was established in October  
9 1987 to unite individuals and organizations across the country in raising awareness  
10 about domestic violence and advocating for the rights of survivors; and

11 WHEREAS, Domestic violence remains a critical issue affecting individuals and  
12 families nationwide, transcending age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic  
13 status, or ethnicity, impacting millions each year; and

14 WHEREAS, Domestic violence causes significant physical, emotional, and  
15 economic harm to individuals, families, and communities, contributing to a broader  
16 public health crisis that demands urgent attention; and

17 WHEREAS, The presence of a firearm in a domestic violence situation increases  
18 the likelihood of homicide by 500%, making gun safety a crucial component of  
19 addressing domestic violence; and

20 WHEREAS, Nearly half of all female homicide victims in the United States are  
21 killed by current or former intimate partners, and every 16 hours, a woman is fatally shot  
22 by a spouse or intimate partner; and

23 WHEREAS, In the United States, over 12,000,000 adults experience domestic  
24 violence annually, with one in three women and one in 10 men expected to experience  
25 domestic violence in their lifetime; and

1           WHEREAS, On average, more than 20,000 calls are placed daily to domestic  
2 violence hotlines across the nation, reflecting the urgent need for ongoing support and  
3 resources; and

4           WHEREAS, Domestic violence prevention and intervention services are critical to  
5 the safety and well-being of individuals in the City and County of San Francisco, as they  
6 offer survivors the support and empowerment needed to rebuild their lives; and

7           WHEREAS, Local organizations and advocates in San Francisco, including those  
8 in collaboration with the Department on the Status of Women, work tirelessly to provide  
9 comprehensive services, resources, and safe spaces for survivors of domestic violence  
10 and their families; and

11           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to fostering a  
12 community where domestic violence is not tolerated, and every individual is treated with  
13 dignity, respect, and safety; now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby recognizes  
15 October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and reaffirms its commitment to  
16 supporting initiatives that raise awareness, prevent domestic violence, and provide  
17 resources and services to survivors; and, be it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages  
19 all residents, businesses, community organizations, schools, and institutions to  
20 participate in activities and events throughout October that demonstrate our collective  
21 commitment to ending domestic violence in our community; and, be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco continues to  
23 support domestic violence prevention, education, and intervention programs that  
24 contribute to the safety, empowerment, and well-being of survivors and their families,  
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1 and further commits to expanding and strengthening these services to meet the growing  
2 needs of the community.

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