

1 [Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the**
4 **City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month was first observed in October 1987
7 to bring national attention to the widespread impact of domestic violence and to advocate for
8 the safety, dignity, and rights of survivors; and

9 WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects individuals of all ages, races, gender identities,
10 sexual orientations, and socioeconomic backgrounds, causing lasting harm to individuals,
11 families, and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, Black and Latinx communities were overrepresented
13 among survivors of domestic violence; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States, one in three women and one in seven men will
15 experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and each year, more than 12 million
16 adults are impacted by sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Firearms are involved in more than two-thirds of intimate partner
19 homicides, with women accounting for 77 percent of those victims; and

20 WHEREAS, The presence of a firearm in domestic violence situations increases the
21 risk of homicide for women by 500 percent, highlighting the urgent need for coordinated
22 protective interventions and policies to prevent lethal outcomes; and

23 WHEREAS, An average of 20,000 calls are made daily to domestic violence hotlines,
24 demonstrating the ongoing and widespread need for immediate crisis response and long-term
25 support for survivors; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 13,000 individuals were served by Gender-Based Violence
2 grant-funded programs in San Francisco, reflecting the critical role these services play in
3 addressing and supporting survivors of domestic violence; and

4 WHEREAS, Despite facing budget cuts, grant freezes, and the defunding of programs,
5 service providers and advocates in San Francisco continue to work tirelessly to address the
6 urgent and growing needs of survivors; and

7 WHEREAS, The 2025 theme for Domestic Violence Awareness Month is “Lead with
8 Courage,” which is a call to action and honors the strength of survivors and emphasizes the
9 importance of advocacy, access to services, and community support that foster healing,
10 empowerment, and justice; and

11 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco remains committed to cultivating a
12 city where domestic violence is not tolerated, where survivors are heard and supported, and
13 where prevention and intervention are prioritized; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
15 hereby recognizes October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That residents, businesses, schools, and community
17 organizations across San Francisco are encouraged to take part in events and initiatives that
18 promote safe, respectful, and violence-free relationships; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco remains steadfast
20 in its efforts to strengthen, expand, and fund domestic violence prevention and intervention
21 programs to ensure the safety, healing, and long-term well-being of survivors and their
22 families.