

1 [Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October 2023]

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3 **Resolution recognizing October 2023 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 launched nationwide in
7 October of 1987 as a way for individuals and organizations to raise awareness for issues
8 relating to domestic violence; and

9 WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a pervasive issue affecting individuals and families
10 across the nation, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status,
11 or ethnicity; and

12 WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for our
13 community to come together to raise awareness about domestic violence, to support
14 survivors, and to promote healthy relationships; and

15 WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a public health crisis, causing significant physical,
16 emotional, and economic harm to victims, their families, and the community as a whole; and

17 WHEREAS, The presence of a gun in domestic violence situations increases the risk
18 of homicide for women by 500%; and

19 WHEREAS, Every 16 hours, a woman is shot and killed by a spouse or intimate
20 partner in the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, Nearly half of all women killed in the United States are murdered by a
22 current or former intimate partner; and

23 WHEREAS, On average, nearly 24 people per minute are physically abused by an
24 intimate partner in the United States; and

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1 WHEREAS, In the United States, over 12 million adults experience domestic violence
2 annually; and

3 WHEREAS, Nearly three in 10 women and one in 10 men will experience domestic
4 violence during their lifetime; and

5 WHEREAS, Domestic violence prevention and intervention services are essential for
6 the well-being of our residents and for the continued development of a safe and just society;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Local organizations and advocates in the City and County of San
9 Francisco work tirelessly to provide support, resources, and services to survivors of domestic
10 violence and their families; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby recognizes the month
12 of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and commits to supporting efforts
13 to raise awareness about domestic violence, prevent its occurrence, and provide resources
14 for survivors; and

15 FURTHER RESOLVED That the City and County of San Francisco encourages its
16 residents, community organizations, schools, businesses, and other institutions to participate
17 in activities and events during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to show their
18 commitment to ending domestic violence in our community; and

19 FURTHER RESOLVED That the City and County of San Francisco reaffirms its
20 support for domestic violence prevention, education, and intervention programs and services
21 that contribute to the safety, well-being, and empowerment of survivors and their families.

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