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1	[Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October]
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3	Resolution recognizing every October 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 October
7	of 1987 as a way for individuals and organizations to raise awareness for issues relating to
8	domestic violence; and
9	WHEREAS, Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery,
10	sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and
11	control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another; it includes physical violence,
12	sexual violence, threats, economic, and emotional/psychological abuse; and
13	WHEREAS, Domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of age, gender,
14	sexual orientation, race, socioeconomic status, religion, or nationality; and
15	WHEREAS, In the United States, over 10 million adults experience domestic violence
16	annually; and
17	WHEREAS, One in four women and one in 10 men will experience domestic violence
18	during their lifetime; and
19	WHEREAS, Nationwide, on average per day, there are more than 20,000 calls placed
20	to domestic violence hotlines; and
21	WHEREAS, Social isolation, financial hardships, and general uncertainty related to
22	COVID-19 has created a 'Shadow Pandemic' with rates of domestic violence intensifying
23	worldwide; and
24	WHEREAS, Over the last 18 months, gun sales surged across the United States as
25	rates of domestic violence incidents also dramatically increased; and

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2	homicide for women by 500%; and
3	WHEREAS, Every 16 hours, a woman is shot and killed by a spouse or intimate
4	partner in the United States; and
5	WHEREAS, Most female victims of domestic violence were previously victimized by the
6	same offender; and
7	WHEREAS, The Family Violence Council found that in fiscal year 2020, 7,241
8	domestic violence related 911 calls were made and 3,379 incidents were responded to by the
9	police; and
10	WHEREAS, Of those incidents, Black/African American and Latinx communities were
11	overrepresented with a share of 29% and 27% of the incidents respectively; and
12	WHEREAS, Female victims made up 70% of police incidents and victims between the
13	ages of 18 and 39 represented 54% of police incidents; and
14	WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2020, 79% of survivors of family violence who sought shelter
15	in San Francisco were turned away; and
16	WHEREAS, Domestic violence continues to be a pervasive public health issue that has
17	only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore, be it
18	RESOLVED, That, in solidarity, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins local
19	residents, our Bay Area neighbors, world leaders and grassroots activists in the global call to
20	action against domestic violence; and, be it
21	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors stands with all
22	those who have been affected by domestic violence, recognizes those individuals and groups
23	who have stepped forward to break the cycle of violence, and recommits to cultivating an
24	environment that refuses to accept incidents of abuse as the norm; and, be it
25	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does

WHEREAS, The presence of a gun in domestic violence situations increases the risk of

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1	hereby declare every October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City and County
2	of San Francisco and each year will renew efforts to support victims of domestic violence in
3	their time of greatest need.
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## **Introduction Form**

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). ✓ 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Stefani Subject: Resolution recognizing October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Day The text is listed: Resolution declaring October 2021, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City and County of San

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Catherine Stefani

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