

Shasta County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2017

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence not only affects those who are abused, but also has a substantial effect on family members, friends, co-workers, and the community at large. Children who grow up witnessing domestic violence are among those most seriously affected by this crime. Frequent exposure to violence in the home not only predisposes children to numerous social and physical problems, but also teaches them that violence is a normal way of life, therefore increasing their risk of becoming society's next generation of victims and abusers; and

WHEREAS, although we have made substantial progress in reducing domestic violence, one in four women and one in seven men still suffer serious physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner at least once during their lifetimes. Every day, three women and one man lose their lives in the United States as a result of domestic violence. Many victims live in daily, silent fear within their own homes each year; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly effecting individuals and society as a whole throughout the United States and the world, cutting across all economic, racial, gender, and societal barriers; and the citizens of Shasta County have consistently identified domestic violence as a major community health problem; and

WHEREAS, the coordinated community efforts of individuals and organizations in Shasta County have come together to provide hope and assistance for all members of families torn apart by the heinous crime of domestic violence, as well as prevention education for everyone in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta hereby proclaims the month of October 2017 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Shasta County, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs and encourages all citizens to speak out against domestic violence, actively participating in and supporting the local efforts of One SAFE Place and the Shasta County District Attorney's Office to provide critical advocacy and assistance for victims of domestic violence, and to work toward the prevention, and ultimately the elimination, of domestic violence.

David A. Kehoe, Chairman

October 3, 2017

Date