

**RESOLUTION NO. 8560**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING  
OCTOBER, 2025 AS “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH.”**

**WHEREAS**, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, although progress has been made toward preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to provide education, awareness, and understanding of domestic violence and its causes; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately forty percent of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, women between eighteen and twenty-four years of age are significantly more likely to be survivors of physical intimate partner violence than women in other age groups; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality.; and

**WHEREAS**, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates the victim’s privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Psychological Association, women with disabilities have a forty percent greater risk of intimate partner violence than women without disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, fifty-four percent of transgender and gender nonconforming people have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences, including difficulty at school, substance abuse, behavioral problems in adolescence, and serious adult health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Domestic Violence Awareness Project introduced a new theme for 2025, With Survivors, Always, as both a love letter and a call to action for those committed to advocating for survivors and their need for safety, support, and solidarity; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of City of Hawthorne should feel safe in their homes, their schools and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the council strongly support the numerous nonprofit organizations dedicated to halting this terrible trend.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, hereby incorporates by reference all the recitals herein.

**Section 2.** The Council of the City of Hawthorne, California hereby proclaims October 1 through October 31 as Domestic Violence Awareness month and in so doing, urges all citizens to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, in our schools and in our communities.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall cause this Resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption thereof.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

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**ALEX VARGAS, Mayor**  
**City of Hawthorne California**

**ATTEST:**

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**DAYNA WILLIAMS-HUNTER, City Clerk**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**DAVID CACERES, Interim City Attorney**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**