

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 21-125

Proclaiming October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Yolo County

WHEREAS, women between the ages of 18-24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, 19.3 million women and 5.1 million in the United States have been stalked in their lifetime; 60.8% of female stalking victims and 43.5% men reported being stalked by a current or former intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence is the most common against women between the ages of 18 - 24; and

WHEREAS, stalking victimization involves a pattern of harassing or threatening tactics used by a perpetrator that causes the victim to fear for their safety or the safety of others; and

WHEREAS, two thirds or more said they were afraid the police wouldn't believe them or do anything to intervene; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and intimate partner violence can have life-long consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, spiritually and physically; violence harms the core of the human spirit and jeopardizes the future wellbeing of our community; and

WHEREAS, strangulation is one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence with long term effects where damage/harm will show up weeks and/or months after the attack; and

WHEREAS, ending domestic violence requires the leadership of survivors, support in our community, the collaborative efforts of the law enforcement, justice system, public health officials, and community members, and requires that everyone commit to a life of non-violence and respect; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime affecting millions of women, men, children and communities in the United States every year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Yolo County; and encourages all Californians to learn more about the extent of domestic violence, and work together with local domestic violence programs and assume the responsibility to make the message clear, both by word and by action.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Barajas, Villegas, Saylor, Sandy, Provenza.

Jim Provenza, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors