

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 23-155**

***Proclaiming October 2023 as National 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**, domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 40% of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California; 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**, according to the American Psychological Association, women with disabilities have a 40 percent greater risk of intimate partner violence than women without disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, 54% of transgender and gender non-conforming 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**, domestic violence has a significant economic impact on women, throughout the country, and an estimated 8 million days of paid work is lost as the result of intimate partner violence. Domestic violence costs \$8.3 billion in expenses annually: a combination of higher medical costs (\$5.8 billion) and lost productivity (\$2.5 billion); 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**, there were 87 domestic violence related homicides in California in 2020, of which 70 of the fatalities were female and 17 were male, 7% of all homicides in 2020 were domestic violence related; and

**WHEREAS**, all communities deserve access to culturally responsive prevention programs and initiatives to improve overall community health and safety by challenging the societal norms that perpetuate violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Yolo County recognizes the vital role that all Californians can play in preventing and one day ending domestic violence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors recognizes October 2023 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 24th day of October, 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Frerichs, Vixie Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas.

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Oscar E. Villegas, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors