

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2021 AS DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN MENDOCINO
COUNTY

WHEREAS, October 2021 marks the 35th annual commemoration of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month to raise the public's attention that every home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility and security; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence used to be treated as a private family issue but the new campaign #Every1KnowSome1 strives to raise awareness that Domestic Violence has a local effect, across the country we know that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men are experiencing domestic violence, it is likely that everyone knows someone who has been impacted by domestic violence.

WHEREAS, every woman, child, and man in America has the right to live free from violence in their homes, neighborhoods, and communities; and children who are subjected to domestic violence often grow up to inflict violence on others, creating a circle of violence that must be stopped; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a public health issue that impacts people of all races, ages, income levels and gender, with the US Department of Justice estimating that on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men with less than half of all crimes actually reported; and

WHEREAS, efforts to end domestic violence require collaboration and commitment from criminal and juvenile justice agencies, victim assistance organizations, physical and mental health care organizations, legal communities, schools, social services, and civic and community leaders, as well as the strength and courage of survivors; and

WHEREAS, continued education and intervention efforts improve public awareness of the severity of domestic violence, help to prevent violence and reduce the related costs to society using this annual month of awareness and commemoration as an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the values and beliefs stated herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in honor of those who have survived domestic violence, in remembrance of those who have not, and in gratitude to all who devote themselves to ending domestic violence, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaim October 2021,

**“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN MENDOCINO
COUNTY”**

Dated: October 19, 2021
Dan Gjerde, Chair
