



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2016 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the yearly observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month focuses on increasing the public's awareness of the issue of domestic violence, recognizing the trauma experienced by victims, mourning those who have died, celebrating those who have survived, improving prevention efforts, and connecting citizens, service providers, the criminal justice system, and governmental agencies who work to end violence; and

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

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any specific group or groups of people, but rather is applicable across all economic, racial, cultural and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole and is widespread in Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition served 735 victims of domestic violence, answered 1,872 crisis calls on their hotline and provided 3,072 nights of safe shelter for women, children and men; and

WHEREAS, the following agencies are committed to working together in a collaborative effort to strengthen the community's coordinated response to domestic violence: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, Nevada County's Victim/Witness Assistance Center, Nevada County District Attorney's Office, Nevada County Probation Department, Nevada County Sheriff's Office, Nevada County Child Protective Services Department Division, Nevada County Adult Protective Services Department Division and the Police Departments of Grass Valley, Nevada City and Truckee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County hereby proclaims October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urges all citizens to join in a coordinated community effort to work toward eradicating domestic violence, improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.