



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2015, AS “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” IN NEVADA COUNTY

WHEREAS, President Obama declared October 2014 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, President Obama called on all Americans to “speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need;” and

WHEREAS, although progress has been made toward breaking the cycle of violence and providing support to victims and their families, much work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, advocates and organizations work on behalf of victims every day and provide essential, lifesaving services for victims and their children fleeing violence, and domestic violence shelters and services, law enforcement officials, health care providers, court systems and legal aid providers, tribal organizations, and others are all an integral part of the effort to end domestic violence and must be recognized and applauded for their work; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence embody incredible strength and resilience; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the public awareness and understanding of domestic violence and the needs of victims; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence is deeply personal, violates an individual's health and dignity, and profoundly disturbs his or her sense of security; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects women, men, and children of all 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 intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need to understand the complexity of violence as perpetuated within communities and against communities, and the fear of many victims to report to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence has a significant economic impact on women, throughout the country women lose 8,000,000 paid work days each year as the result of intimate partner violence and among families domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness; and

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

WHEREAS, women 18-24 years of age are significantly more likely to be victims of physical intimate partner violence than women in other age groups; and

WHEREAS California law enforcement agencies received 155,965 domestic violence-related calls in 2014; and

WHEREAS, there were 94 domestic violence-related homicides in California in 2014, of which 75 of the fatalities were female and 19 were male, 8.9% of all homicides in 2014 were domestic violence related and 57.1% of female homicide victims in 2014 were killed in their residences; and

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

WHEREAS, the following agencies: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, Tahoe Women's Services, Truckee Police Department, Nevada City Police Department, Grass Valley Police Department, Nevada County Victim/Witness Assistance Center, Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, Child Protective Services, and the District Attorney's Office are committed to working together in a collaborative effort to strengthen the community's Coordinated Response to Domestic Violence; ensure that services are readily available to victims of such abuse; improve domestic violence prevention efforts and hold the perpetrators of such abuse fully accountable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors proclaims October 2015, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Nevada County and urges all citizens to join in a coordinated community effort to put an end to domestic violence.