



STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAMATION • JANUARY 2026

WHEREAS, under the laws of all fifty states, the U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, and federal government, stalking is a crime;

WHEREAS, 6-7.5 million people are stalked in a one-year period in the United States, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know;

WHEREAS, 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner have been stalked by that partner;

WHEREAS, many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population;

WHEREAS, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

WHEREAS, many stalkers use technology – such as cell phones, global positioning systems (GPS), cameras, and spyware – to monitor and track their victims;

WHEREAS, laws and public policies must be continually adapted to keep pace with new tactics used by stalkers;

WHEREAS, Empower Tehama is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Tehama County and the United States to observe National Stalking Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matt Hansen, Chairperson of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim January 2026 as Stalking Awareness Month in Tehama County and applaud the efforts of the many victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, national and community organizations and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking.

Signature

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