

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAMATION • OCTOBER 2024

WHEREAS October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month;

WHEREAS domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities;

WHEREAS there is a need to provide education, awareness and understanding of domestic violence and its causes;

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;

WHEREAS approximately 43% of California women and 42% of California men experience physical intimate partner violence, in their lifetimes;

WHEREAS the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%;

WHEREAS domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States;

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;

WHEREAS all survivors deserve access to culturally responsive programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the importance of community involvement in breaking the cycle of domestic violence, I do hereby proclaim the month of October to be National Domestic Violence Awareness month, and encourage all community members to support and participate in awareness events and activities planned by Empower Tehama, our local domestic violence assistance and prevention program, work together to end domestic violence, and make clear to perpetrators of domestic abuse that family violence will not be tolerated in our community.

PROCLAIMED: This 8th day of October 2024

ATTEST:

John Leach, Chairman
County of Tehama