

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAMATION • OCTOBER 2025

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 critical need to educate, raise awareness, and foster understanding of domestic violence and its root causes;

WHEREAS domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, races, ethnicities, cultures, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds across the United States and here in California;

WHEREAS approximately 54% of California women and 38% of California men experience physical intimate partner violence during their lifetimes;

WHEREAS the presence of a firearm in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500 percent;

WHEREAS domestic violence remains a leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States;

WHEREAS children exposed to domestic violence may face long-term consequences, including academic challenges, mental health struggles, substance abuse, and serious adult health problems;

WHEREAS all survivors deserve access to culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and survivor-centered programs and services that enhance their safety, dignity, 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 organized by Empower Tehama, our local domestic violence assistance and prevention program. Let us work together to end domestic violence and send a clear message to perpetrators of abuse that family violence will not be tolerated in our community.

PROCLAIMED: This 23rd day of September 2025

ATTEST:

Matt Hansen, Chairman
County of Tehama