



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

D-3

For the meeting of: October 7, 2014

Date: September 29, 2014
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Mark Lovelace
Subject: Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Department of Health and Human Services requested the Supervisors proclaim October, 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Humboldt County to bring awareness to the issue and to urge citizens to actively participate in the elimination of violence against all people.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

Prepared by _____ TD _____

Signature _____

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

____ Consent
____ Departmental
____ Public Hearing
XX Other Special Presentation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor **Lovelace**
Seconded by Supervisor **Bass**
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

Dated: **Oct. 7, 2014**
Nikki Turner, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By:

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a serious national, state, and community social issue, and is not confined to any group of people, domestic violence crosses all economic, ethnic, sexual preference, and age categories; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's dignity, security, and humanity with the systematic use of power and control through physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, economic abuse; and its victims can face serious life threatening injuries, mental, emotional problems, and death; and

WHEREAS, children who witness domestic violence are at greater risk for life long behavior problems, alcohol and other drug abuse and other health problems, and becoming abusers and victims in their adult intimate relationships; and

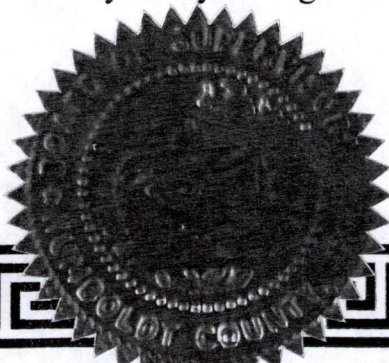
WHEREAS, in 1977 Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (HDVS) was conceived by a small group of concerned women who provided lifesaving emergency services to battered women and their children and became actively involved in prevention issues and public policies of the Domestic Violence Movement in their Community, State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (HDVS) offers services and support for survivors and their children of intimate partner violence regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, color, religious affiliation, age, disability, education, marital status, amnesty, national origin or culture; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (HDVS) staffs a 24/7 crisis and support line, direct client and survivor services and resources, has sheltered over 1000 survivors and their and their children in the past year in either emergency or short-term sheltering, and continues an ongoing collaboration with community and county agencies, local tribes, the Latino Community, Humboldt State University and law enforcement with Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, as well as, continued public education, enlisting men and the LGBTQ community as allies, to change the environment and mindset that has historical allowed Intimate Partner Violence to be viewed as acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim and affirm our support and commitment to Humboldt Domestic Violence Services efforts for over thirty-eight years working to improve community safety through multi-faceted approaches.

Dated: OCTOBER 7, 2014




REX BOHN, Chair