



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 10/7/2025

File #: 25-1202

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Michelle Bushnell

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Proclaim October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the proclamation.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 1001 -Support and sustain partnerships between public safety and partner agencies to enhance public safety in our communities

DISCUSSION:

Domestic and intimate partner violence remains a serious issue that affects individuals of all ages, backgrounds and communities. Survivors experience a loss of dignity, security and autonomy due to ongoing abuse, which may be physical, emotional, sexual, psychological or economic in nature. The impacts extend to children, who may face long-term consequences such as academic challenges, behavioral issues, substance use and future health problems.

Locally, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (HDVS) has provided critical support to survivors since 1977, offering safe shelter, resources, advocacy and education. The Board commends HDVS for its vital work in the community and celebrates HCDV's 48 years of work to improve community safety.

Recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month underscores the county's commitment to prevention, survivor support and community safety. By collaborating with organizations like HDVS and engaging community members, Humboldt County affirms the importance of challenging harmful norms and breaking the cycle of domestic and intimate partner violence.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact in presenting a proclamation.

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STAFFING IMPACT:

None

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board Discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

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