

PROCLAMATION
Recognizing October 2021 as
DOMESTIC AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic and intimate partner violence remains a serious social issue across all economic, ethnic, sexual preference, and age categories; and

WHEREAS, domestic and intimate partner violence violates an individual's dignity, security, and humanity with the systematic use of control through physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse. Its victims can face life-threatening injuries, emotional challenges, and death; and

WHEREAS, children who witness domestic violence are at greater risk of lifelong behavioral problems, alcohol and drug abuse, and of becoming abusers and victims in their adult intimate relationships; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, a group of local women started Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (HDVS) to provide lifesaving emergency services to battered women and their children and to develop public policy around domestic and intimate partner violence as well as human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, through public education and outreach programs, HDVS enlists a diverse array of allies, agencies, and communities in changing the mindset that domestic and intimate partner violence, and human trafficking, are acceptable. Only together as a community can we change the cultural norms that perpetuate human trafficking, domestic and intimate partner violence, and the stigma attached to its survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors recognizes the month of October 2021 to be DOMESTIC and INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH. The Board celebrates HDVS's upcoming 45 years of effort to improve community safety by breaking the cycle of domestic and intimate partner violence.

Dated: October 5, 2021

Chair, Virginia Bass

