

# PROCLAMATION

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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

*WHEREAS*, progress continues to be made toward violence prevention, domestic and intimate partner violence remains a serious issue affecting *all* people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sex, gender, socioeconomic status, literacy, sexuality, ability, religion, culture, and immigration status; and

*WHEREAS*, domestic and intimate partner violence survivors are deprived of dignity, security, and autonomy with the systematic use of control and power through physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse; and

*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; and

*WHEREAS*, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (HDVS) has been serving Humboldt County since 1977 to continuously support all those living with or escaping abuse; and

*WHEREAS*, all survivors deserve access to culturally responsive prevention programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency. HDVS enlists a diverse array of allies, agencies, and community members in supporting survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence; and

*WHEREAS*, only together can we change the health and safety of our community by challenging the societal norms that perpetuate violence; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED* that the Board of Supervisors recognize the month of October 2024 to be DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH. The Board of Supervisors celebrates HDVS's 47 years of effort to improve community safety by breaking the cycle of domestic and intimate partner violence.

Dated: October 01, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair

