



## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-2

For the meeting of: October 3, 2017

Date: August 8, 2017  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass  
Subject: Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Humboldt County

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Humboldt Domestic Violence Services has requested the Board of Supervisors proclaim October, 2017 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: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ Kathy Hayes \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Virginia Bass

**REVIEW:**

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF ITEM:**

☒ Consent  
☐ Departmental  
☐ Public Hearing  
☐ Other

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dated: October 3, 2017  
Ana Hartwell, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: Bob Eberhart



# PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

**WHEREAS**, domestic and intimate partner 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 lifelong 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, now celebrating 40 years of service to the community, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (HDVS) was conceived by a small group of concerned local 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 direct 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 last year alone received over 2,400 crisis and support line calls and requests for services, and continues an ongoing collaboration and partnerships with the community-at-large, social service providers and county agencies, local tribes, the Latino Communities, Humboldt State University, LGBTQI communities, North Coast Rape Crisis Team, the District Attorney's office and Victim Witness, the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, first responders and law enforcement, as well as, outreach and development of public education programs that enlist men as allies in changing the environment and mindset that has historically allowed Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence to be viewed as acceptable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Humboldt Board of Supervisors designates the month of **October 2017** to be **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**, and supports Humboldt Domestic Violence Services efforts in working to improve community safety through multi-faceted approaches via networking, education to break the cycle of domestic and intimate partner violence through education, services, while providing direct empowerment services to survivors and their children and our community-at-large.

Dated: October 3, 2017



*Virginia Bass*  
Virginia Bass, Chair