

PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, 1 in every 3 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime; 1 in every 4 women will experience sexual assault in her lifetime; and 1 in 6 men have had abusive or unwanted sexual experiences in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, domestic and intimate partner violence is a serious national, state, and local community health problem, crossing all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers; 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 and emotional problems, and death; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; children who witness domestic violence are at greater risk for lifelong behavior problems, substance use disorders and other health problems, and becoming perpetrators and victims of violence in their adult intimate relationships; and

WHEREAS, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic and sexual violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; and

WHEREAS, important partnerships among justice agencies, healthcare providers, allied professionals, and victim services work to assist victims of domestic violence and their families and are dedicated to protecting vulnerable members of our community; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County has a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence, address its brutal and destructive effects and make ending domestic violence a local priority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Humboldt Board of Supervisors designates the month of **October 2018** to be **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**, and urge all Humboldt County citizens to actively support all work in our community towards the elimination of domestic violence.

Dated: October 2, 2018



Ryan Sundberg, Chair