



City of Emeryville

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Proclamation

Proclaiming the Month of October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior that a person exerts against an intimate or former partner; using fear, intimidation and isolation to gain power and control over them, and which takes many forms, including emotional, economic, and sexual abuse, and may involve threats to children, and pets; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a devastating public health crisis where one in four women will be physically or sexually assaulted by a partner at some point in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leaves a mark on family, friends, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to domestic violence without receiving needed intervention are at a higher risk of failing in school, developing emotional disorders, engaging in substance abuse, and/or perpetrating violent behavior themselves later in life; and

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any one group of people, but rather crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal lines, and is sustained by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, emergency and transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, the organization A Safe Place has served victims of domestic violence in Alameda County for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, the mission of A Safe Place is to end domestic violence by providing battered victims and their children with safe shelter and resources to aid in breaking the cycle of violence through outreach and education for at-risk populations and diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County Domestic Violence Service Advocates provides more than 45,000 client services annually, including crisis response calls, requests for legal services and representation, emergency shelter, transitional housing and housing placement, and counseling services county-wide; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that, as Mayor of the City of Emeryville, and on behalf of the City Council, I hereby proclaim October 2018 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Emeryville, as we stand together to protect survivors, bring offenders to justice, and highlight the importance of combating domestic violence in our community, helping to build a culture of safety and support for all those affected.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of October, 2018 at a regular City Council Meeting by the Mayor of Emeryville.

John J. Bauters, Mayor