[Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October 2025]

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Resolution recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month was first observed in October 1987 to bring national attention to the widespread impact of domestic violence and to advocate for the safety, dignity, and rights of survivors; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects individuals of all ages, races, gender identities, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic backgrounds, causing lasting harm to individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco, Black and Latinx communities were overrepresented among survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, one in three women and one in seven men will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and each year, more than 12 million adults are impacted by sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, Firearms are involved in more than two-thirds of intimate partner homicides, with women accounting for 77 percent of those victims; and

WHEREAS, The presence of a firearm in domestic violence situations increases the risk of homicide for women by 500 percent, highlighting the urgent need for coordinated protective interventions and policies to prevent lethal outcomes; and

WHEREAS, An average of 20,000 calls are made daily to domestic violence hotlines, demonstrating the ongoing and widespread need for immediate crisis response and long-term support for survivors; and

WHEREAS, More than 13,000 individuals were served by Gender-Based Violence grant-funded programs in San Francisco, reflecting the critical role these services play in addressing and supporting survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Despite facing budget cuts, grant freezes, and the defunding of programs, service providers and advocates in San Francisco continue to work tirelessly to address the urgent and growing needs of survivors; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 theme for Domestic Violence Awareness Month is "Lead with Courage," which is a call to action and honors the strength of survivors and emphasizes the importance of advocacy, access to services, and community support that foster healing, empowerment, and justice; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco remains committed to cultivating a city where domestic violence is not tolerated, where survivors are heard and supported, and where prevention and intervention are prioritized; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby recognizes October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations across San Francisco are encouraged to take part in events and initiatives that promote safe, respectful, and violence-free relationships; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco remains steadfast in its efforts to strengthen, expand, and fund domestic violence prevention and intervention programs to ensure the safety, healing, and long-term well-being of survivors and their families.



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Resolution recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City and County of San Francisco.

October 21, 2025 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

October 21, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 10/21/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

10/31/2025 Unsigned **Daniel Lurie Date Approved** Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board

10/31/2025

Date