

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

24th day of September, 2013

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2013 AS SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, one in four women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime and whereas approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year;

WHEREAS, children exposed to domestic violence are at greater risk for alcohol and drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, and cognitive and developmental problems;

WHEREAS, when a family member is abused, that abuse can have long-term, damaging effects on the victim, which can in turn also affect other family members, friends, and even the community at large;

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence is not limited to any one group or groups of people, but indeed crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, and religious barriers, and whereas the problem of domestic violence is frequently sustained by societal indifference to the problem;

WHEREAS, our County's Women's Shelters provide a variety of direct and preventative services to victims of domestic violence; in particular, last year providing 9,749 nights of shelter and 13,210 nights in transitional housing, with over 60% of those

shelter nights provided to children exposed to domestic violence;

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo County government agencies, including the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center, the Department of Social Services, the Probation Department and the County Health Agency work closely with County's Women's Shelters, CAP-SLO and other community partners in order to provide a multitude of crisis and support services to families affected by domestic violence;

WHEREAS, since 1993 these County agencies and groups have collaborated through the County's Domestic Violence Task Force to directly confront the problem of domestic violence through interagency collaboration resulting in a wide variety of prevention and intervention efforts;

AND WHEREAS, we must continue our commitment to address the behaviors and causes of this crime so that each and every home in our County can be a place of peace and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors designates the month of October, 2013, as "SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" and urges all citizens to observe this month by not only increasing their awareness of the crime of domestic violence, but also by supporting those who work toward its end.

