

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

6th day of October, 2015

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2015 AS SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence affects every American. It harms our communities, weakens the foundation of our Nation, and hurts those we love most;

WHEREAS, on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.

WHEREAS, one in every three women, one in every four men and one in every ten teenagers have been victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.

WHEREAS, one in every fifteen children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.

WHEREAS, children from violent homes are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate significantly higher than the national average and have greater risks of alcohol and drug abuse, juvenile delinquency and cognitive and developmental problems;

WHEREAS, 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these murder suicides are female.

WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings. Tragically, for many Americans, because of intimate partner violence these blessings are tarnished by violence, fear, anxiety and guilt;

WHEREAS, the problem of intimate partner violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers;

WHEREAS, our County's Women's Shelters combined provided a variety of preventative and direct services to intimate partner violence victims last year, including over 9448 nights of shelter, as well as 6354 nights in transitional housing, with over 55% of these shelter nights provided to children;

WHEREAS, approximately 25% of all crime victims served by the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center are victims of intimate partner violence;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of intimate partner violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem;

WHEREAS, since 1994 the San Luis Obispo County Intimate Partner Violence Coalition (formerly known as the County's Domestic Violence Task Force) has been a major ally in directly confronting the problem of intimate partner violence through interagency collaboration and engaging in prevention and intervention efforts;

WHEREAS, this month, we recognize the survivors and victims of intimate partner violence whose courage inspires us all. We recommit to offering a helping hand to those most in need, and we remind them that they are not alone. We must join together in our commitment to

address the behaviors associated with, and the causes of, intimate partner violence so that each and every home in our communities can be a place of peace and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors designates October 2015 as "SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" and urges all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of intimate partner violence, by supporting those who are working toward its end, and by participating in community awareness efforts.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

[SEAL]

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

By: 
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: September 14, 2015

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
) ss.
County of San Luis Obispo)

I _____, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this 6th day of October, 2015.

(SEAL)

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk