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[Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October 2024]

Resolution recognizing October 2024 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City and County of San Francisco, and reaffirming its commitment to supporting initiatives that raise awareness, prevent domestic violence, and provide resources and services to survivors.

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month was established in October 1987 to unite individuals and organizations across the country in raising awareness about domestic violence and advocating for the rights of survivors; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence remains a critical issue affecting individuals and families nationwide, transcending age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or ethnicity, impacting millions each year; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence causes significant physical, emotional, and economic harm to individuals, families, and communities, contributing to a broader public health crisis that demands urgent attention; and

WHEREAS, The presence of a firearm in a domestic violence situation increases the likelihood of homicide by 500%, making gun safety a crucial component of addressing domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Nearly half of all female homicide victims in the United States are killed by current or former intimate partners, and every 16 hours, a woman is fatally shot by a spouse or intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, over 12,000,000 adults experience domestic violence annually, with one in three women and one in 10 men expected to experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and

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WHEREAS, On average, more than 20,000 calls are placed daily to domestic violence hotlines across the nation, reflecting the urgent need for ongoing support and resources; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence prevention and intervention services are critical to the safety and well-being of individuals in the City and County of San Francisco, as they offer survivors the support and empowerment needed to rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, Local organizations and advocates in San Francisco, including those in collaboration with the Department on the Status of Women, work tirelessly to provide comprehensive services, resources, and safe spaces for survivors of domestic violence and their families; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to fostering a community where domestic violence is not tolerated, and every individual is treated with dignity, respect, and safety; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby recognizes
October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and reaffirms its commitment to
supporting initiatives that raise awareness, prevent domestic violence, and provide
resources and services to survivors; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages all residents, businesses, community organizations, schools, and institutions to participate in activities and events throughout October that demonstrate our collective commitment to ending domestic violence in our community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco continues to support domestic violence prevention, education, and intervention programs that contribute to the safety, empowerment, and well-being of survivors and their families,

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1	and further commits to expanding and strengthening these services to meet the growing
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October 08, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani and Walton Absent: 1 - Safai

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/8/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed Mayor 10/18/2024

Date Approved

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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calv Clerk of the Board

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