

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289286

ADOPTED ON OCT 21 1997

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is the number one public health issue facing women and children in the United States today, and is also an important human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, as late as 1974, the term "battered woman" was not part of our vocabulary even as hundreds of thousands of women and children, became victims of violence and experienced violations of their human rights, including the right to live with respect, dignity, and free of fear; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego is a recognized leader in fighting domestic violence and convened the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Domestic Violence for the purpose of identifying ways the City of San Diego as an employer and governmental entity could work to reduce domestic violence in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 1995, the City Council unanimously adopted the 25 recommendations proposed by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, all of these recommendations have been implemented and several are part of ongoing efforts which either have, or are being incorporated into standard City operating procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Resource Hotline was activated in March 1997 and allows law enforcement, service providers, victims of domestic violence, their families and friends access to current information on the availability of emergency and non-emergency shelter, clinics, counseling, and referrals 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego has taken a leading role in combating domestic violence by forming effective partnerships with community organizations and professionals; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize the importance of the continued commitment to reduce the number of incidents and provide education, support, and assistance to all affected by domestic violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of October 1997, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**" in The City of San Diego.

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