

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292304

ADOPTED ON OCT 18 1999

WHEREAS, by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7, filed May 1999, the State of California has recognized that domestic violence is the number one public health issue facing women of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds in the United States; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the number one public health issue facing women and children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to data published by the California Department of Justice in 1996, 624 incidents of domestic violence were reported, on average, every day in California; and

WHEREAS, according to the data published by the San Diego Police Department in 1998, 1000 incidents of domestic violence were reported, on average, every month in the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the first Day of Unity was celebrated in October 1981 and was sponsored by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the purpose of uniting battered women's advocates across the nation in an effort to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was proclaimed in 1987; and

WHEREAS, by 1989, the San Diego County Task Force on Domestic Violence was launched, by then Deputy City Attorney Casey Gwinn and Ashley Walker, the Director of Battered Women's Services at the YWCA, with over 125 agencies involved across the county; and

WHEREAS, by 1999, the San Diego Domestic Violence Council grew into an

organization of over 600 members, and has taken a leading role in combating domestic violence by forming effective partnerships with law enforcement, prosecutors, service providers, treatment providers, battered women shelters, health care providers, corporations, educators, churches, and numerous other agencies and individuals; 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 continued commitment to reduce the number of incidents of domestic violence and provide education, support and assistance to all affected, including young children, teenagers, women, men and the elderly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of October 1999, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**" in The City of San Diego.

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