

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293995

ADOPTED ON OCT 23 2000

WHEREAS, each year an estimated 1,300 women are murdered and 1 million women suffer nonfatal violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, each year an estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to violence by family members against their mothers or female caretakers; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, 20,181 domestic violence reports were documented by law enforcement agencies in San Diego-- 16,458 hotline calls were answered, 5,660 temporary restraining orders were issued, 5,453 misdemeanor/felony criminal complaints were filed and 1,379 women and children stayed at an emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS, this year, 11 women and two men have lost their lives as a result of domestic violence in the City of San Diego and County of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a problem which affects men, women and children and is found in all ethnic groups and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence results in millions of dollars in health care costs, and over 175,000 work days per year are lost due to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, in October 1981, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence celebrated the first "Day of Unity" for the purpose of uniting battered women's advocates across the nation in an effort to end domestic violence. October is now recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness month; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the San Diego County Task Force on Domestic Violence was

launched with the support of the City Council, County Board of Supervisors, the District Attorney, City Attorney, Medical Society, San Diego County Bar Association, Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, and over 125 additional agencies to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Domestic Violence Council is now over 600 members and 250 organizations strong; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the importance of our continued commitment to reduce the number of domestic violence incidents and homicides through education, prevention and intervention programs, and commends the hard work of our domestic violence professionals who bring hope, heal wounds, provide safety and seek justice in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of October 2000 is hereby proclaimed to be "**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**" in the City of San Diego.

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