

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295579

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WHEREAS, each year an estimated one million women suffer from nonfatal violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence occurs in approximately 25 to 35 percent of same-sex relationships and between 1993 and 1996 the San Diego Police Department reported that same-sex domestic violence cases increased from 1.6 percent to 2.6 percent of the total domestic violence cases in the City; 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 2000, 11,129 domestic reports, including six homicides, were documented in the City of San Diego alone; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a very real problem in our society and affects men, women and children and is also 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; 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 Bar Association, Police Chiefs and Sheriff's Association, and over 125 additional agencies to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego remains at the forefront of same-sex domestic violence prosecution. Currently, there is one full-time prosecutor in the City Attorney's office and one part-time advocate assigned to deal specifically with same-sex domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of our continued commitment to reduce the

number of domestic violence incidents and homicides through education, prevention, and intervention programs and we acknowledge the hard work of our domestic violence professionals who bring hope, heal wounds, provide safety and seek justice in our community; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego that the month of October 2001 is hereby proclaimed to be “**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**” in the City of San Diego.

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