

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297223

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WHEREAS, domestic violence affects one in three American families; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that between one and three million women are abused by their husbands or boyfriends each year, and a substantial number of men are also victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, on average, more than three women are murdered as a result of domestic violence in this country every day, and in 1999, nationwide, 1,642 murders were attributed to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, in a national survey of more than 6,000 American families, 50 percent of the men who frequently abused their wives also frequently abused their children, and a total of 3.3 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year, while the impact of living in homes where domestic violence is present is detrimental to the emotional, developmental, and physical well being of those children; and

WHEREAS, San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn has been at the forefront of efforts to increase awareness of domestic violence and to eradicate it, such as the creation of the Family Justice Center and the proposed camp for victims of family related violence; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2002, the City of San Diego celebrated the grand opening of the Family Justice Center, which is the first in the nation to house the entire Domestic Violence Units of the Police Department and the City Attorney's Office, and where victims and their families can access the many resources that they need, including but not limited to childcare,

counselors, and medical care for both adults and children; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego recognizes the month of October 2002, as a time to reflect on the devastating effects of domestic violence, a time to act to put an end to domestic violence, and a time to commit to making the eradication of domestic violence a year-round priority in every household; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council recognizes the effect that domestic violence has on the men, women, and children of San Diego across the nation and supports and encourages efforts to stop domestic violence in San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council recognizes the need to eradicate domestic violence in San Diego in order to improve the lives of all San Diegans, and that the month of October 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”** in the City of San Diego.

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