

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298485

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WHEREAS, domestic violence affects one in three American families, and it is estimated that between 1 and 3 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, since 1995, 75 men, women and children have been murdered in San Diego County as a result of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, 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, the Family Justice Center has provided advocacy, counseling, medical assistance, and support to 5,232 victims of domestic violence since it opened its doors in October 2002, and over 17,000 calls have been answered by the advocates, nurses, attorneys, and service providers at the Family Justice Center providing wrap-around services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Shelter and Support Services Committee, consisting of the Center for Community Solutions, Community Resource Center, Crime Victims' Fund, Crisis House, Episcopal Community Services, Family Justice Center, Interfaith Shelter Network-El Nido,

Jewish Family Services, Rancho Coastal Humane Society, St. Clare's Home, San Diego City Attorney's office, San Diego District Attorney's office, the San Diego Rescue Mission Women's Resource Center, and YWCA of San Diego are on the front lines providing resources, shelter, and counseling, while increasing awareness about domestic violence and working daily to eradicate it; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego recognizes the month of October 2003 as a time to reflect on the devastating effects of domestic violence, and commits 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, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, recognizes the effect that domestic violence has on the men, women, and children of San Diego and across the nation, and supports and encourages efforts to stop domestic violence in San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of October 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**" in the City of San Diego.

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