

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299808

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WHEREAS, domestic violence affects one in three families in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, violence by an intimate partner accounts for about 21 percent of violent crime experienced by women and about 2 percent of the violence experienced by men; and

WHEREAS, millions of children each year are exposed to domestic violence which results in these children being 50 times more likely to abuse alcohol and drugs, and six times more likely to commit suicide than children in the general population; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, over 145 women, men, and children have been killed in San Diego County as a result of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Family Justice Center has responded to over 52,600 telephone calls and helped 9,749 women, men, and children connect to community services which has resulted in zero fatalities among the consumers of the Family Justice Center services; and

WHEREAS, the bilingual staff of the San Diego County Domestic Violence Hotline has received over 4,400 calls from female and male victims and their friends and family in the past year in order to connect them with community resources and provide support; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2004, the City of San Diego remembers those women, men, and children who have been murdered as a result of domestic violence by coming together to bring honor to those "Not To Be Forgotten"; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego recognizes the valiant efforts undertaken by The Shelter and Support Services Committee of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council, comprised of San Diego Community Agencies and Programs including San Diego County Domestic Violence Hotline (1 888 DV LINKS), Center for Community Solutions, Community Resource Center, Crime Victims Fund, Episcopal Community Services, Interfaith Shelter Network, Rancho Coastal Humane Society, San Diego City Attorney's Office, San Diego District Attorney's Office, San Diego Family Justice Center, South Bay Community Services, St. Clare's Home, Women's Resource Center, and the YWCA of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, The Shelter and Support Services Committee is committed to increase safety for domestic violence victims by providing confidential shelter, support services, and outreach to San Diego communities while they continue to develop innovative programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the tireless, humble, and gracious efforts of the frontline workers should not go unnoticed as they continue to provide hope, compassion, and support to victims of domestic violence through advocacy, education, prevention, and intervention; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego acknowledges the month of October 2004 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month with the purpose of reflecting on the devastating effects of domestic violence, and as a time to act to put an end to domestic violence and 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, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize the effect that domestic violence has on the women, men, 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 October 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" in the City of San Diego.

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