

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300887

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WHEREAS, domestic violence affects one in three families in the United States of America; one in three relationships experience some form of abuse; and since 1995 over 150 men, women, and children have been killed in San Diego County as a result of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, one in four children in California are directly exposed to violence, resulting in these children suffering from increased rates of substance abuse and physical and emotional problems, as well as further risk for violence and abuse in their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Family Justice Center provides wraparound services to over 7,800 victims of domestic violence per year and receives over 24,000 phone calls from victims in need of services, while the bilingual staff of the San Diego Domestic Violence Hotline has received over 5,500 calls from victims and their family and friends in the past year, connecting them with community resources and providing crisis intervention; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2005, the City of San Diego remembers those men, women, 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 such as: the San Diego County Domestic Violence Hotline—1-888-DV-LINKS, the Center for Community Solutions, Community Resource Center, Crime Victims Fund, Episcopal Community Services, Interfaith Shelter Network, Rancho Coastal Humane Society, San Diego District Attorney's Office, San Diego Family Justice Center, South Bay Community Services, St. Clare's Home, Women's Resource Center, and YWCA of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the Shelter and Support Services Committee is committed to increasing 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

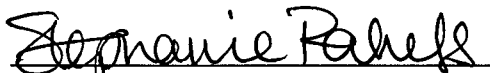
WHEREAS, the tireless, humble, and gracious efforts of the frontline workers should not go unnoticed as they continue to provide hope, compassion, and support to victims of domestic violence through advocacy, education, prevention, and intervention; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego acknowledges the month of October 2005 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to reflect on the devastating effects of domestic violence and teen relationship violence, a time 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, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize the effect that domestic violence has on the men, women, and children of San Diego and across the nation; support and encourage efforts to stop domestic violence in San Diego; and recognize the need to eradicate domestic violence in San Diego in order to improve the lives of all San Diegans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of October 2005 be and is hereby proclaimed to be “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” in the City of San Diego.

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