



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2025 AS

*Domestic Violence  
Awareness Month*

**WHEREAS**, more than one in three women, one in four men, and one in two transgender individuals experience some form of physical or sexual violence and/or stalking by their intimate partner in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Communities Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) staff provided more than 10,000 critical services in the past year, and provided over \$1 million in client cash assistance, including subsidized rent, security deposits, and a range of emergency expenses, from car repairs to storage costs; and

**WHEREAS**, in San Mateo County, 121 adults and children were provided emergency shelter, including stays in safe houses and motels, and 144 adults and children were provided longer term rental assistance to escape their abusers last year; and

**WHEREAS**, 606 adults and children received therapy to help them with domestic violence-related trauma, and CORA fielded 2,092 requests for legal assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County has made significant progress in preventing and responding to domestic violence by forming the Coalition to End Violence, Abuse, and Exploitation to coordinate countywide efforts, launching the Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team (DVERT) to provide on-location advocates responding with law enforcement to crisis calls, creating the Survivor Safe Team as a multidisciplinary, survivor-centered collaboration for high-risk cases, implementing the SPARK program to support children and families impacted by domestic violence, hiring a Family Justice Center Manager and dedicating staff positions to establish the County’s first Family Justice Center, and allocating funding to expand survivor-centered services, all with the goal of ensuring safety, justice, and healing for survivors and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, intimate partner violence continues to be among the most under-reported crimes and San Mateo County is committed to eliminating all forms of intimate partner abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of October 2025 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, to raise awareness about and encourage all residents of San Mateo County to do their part to help rid our community of intimate partner violence.

**Dated:**                *October 21, 2025*



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