

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2017 as

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## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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**WHEREAS**, intimate partner violence is the leading cause of injury to women between 15 and 44 years of age, and one in three women and one in seven men experience some form of physical violence by their intimate partner in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, experts estimate that, in the United States, the costs of intimate partner rape, physical assault, and stalking exceed \$5.8 billion each year, nearly \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health care services. This includes almost \$1 billion per year in productivity losses; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 10,631 requests for service through Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA)’s 24-hour crisis hotline and law enforcement referrals last year, and 1,900 adults and teens received community education on healthy relationships and the impact if intimate partner abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, in San Mateo County, 287 adults and children were provided emergency shelter and supportive housing to escape their abusers last year; and

**WHEREAS**, 732 adults and children received therapy to help them with domestic violence-related trauma, and CORA fielded 1,509 requests for legal assistance; 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 2017 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 17, 2017

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors