

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2016 AS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between 18 and 44 years of age, and almost one-third of women experience physical or sexual violence mostly by an intimate partner ; and

WHEREAS, experts estimate that, in the United States, the direct costs for medical and mental health care related to domestic violence are \$4.1 billion annually, and domestic violence is estimated to cost employers up to \$1.8 billion each year in productivity losses; and

WHEREAS, 10,429 residents of San Mateo County received assistance through CORA’s 24-hour hotline and law enforcement referrals last year, and 1,507 individuals received community education from CORA staff; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, 316 adults and children were provided shelter and supportive housing to escape their abusers last year, and 1,846 requests for shelter went unmet; and

WHEREAS, 554 adults and their children received therapy to help them with domestic violence related trauma, and CORA fielded 2,336 requests for legal assistance; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaims the month of October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to raise awareness and to encourage all citizens of San Mateo County to help rid our community of domestic violence.

Dated: October 4, 2016

SUPERVISORS:

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