

City of Santa Clara
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 with the intent to connect advocates nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1989, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was passed by the U.S. Congress; Domestic Violence Awareness Month is recognized in communities and regions across the nation to honor the strength of survivors and raise awareness about the issue; and
- WHEREAS,** this year's theme, "With Survivors, Always" allows us to explore what it means to be in partnership with survivors toward safety, support, and solidarity. It is both a love letter and a call to action for those committed to advocating for survivors' needs and rights.
- WHEREAS,** the devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime, and the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Clara, and other entities nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; it is survivors themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace, equality, and healing to our homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Santa Clara, do hereby proclaim the month of October, as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Santa Clara and encourage all residents to recognize and support survivors and the organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 21st day of October 2025.



LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA



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