

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 in 1989, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was passed by the U.S. Congress to honor the strength of survivors and raise awareness about the issue; and
- WHEREAS,** the Domestic Violence Awareness Project, builds on the 2024 theme “Heal, Hold & Center,” encouraging communities to work together to heal from violence and oppression, commit to holding space for survivors, and centering those most marginalized in all efforts to end domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS,** the consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and 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 recognizes Maitri and other entities nationwide committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; and supporting 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 Santa Clara City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2024.



**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
**MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA**



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