

*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 battered women's advocates across the nation; domestic violence is widespread and is devastating to society, but particularly women and children; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1989, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress; Domestic Violence Awareness Month serves as an inspiration for events in communities and regions across the fifty states to culminate a powerful statement celebrating the strength of battered women and their children; and
- WHEREAS,** families are indispensable to a stable society, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation and; when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leaves a mark on family, friends, and the community at large; and
- WHEREAS,** the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference; 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,** local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; and it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace, equality, and healing to our homes and communities;

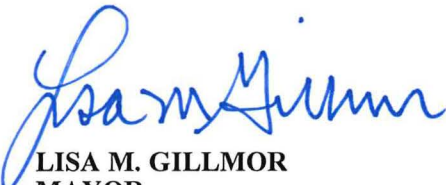
**NOW THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the Santa Clara City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020, as

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

in the City of Santa Clara and encourage all residents to recognize and support the numerous 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.



  
**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
**MAYOR**  
City of Santa Clara