



## Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 10/19/2021

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### **SUBJECT**

Proclaim October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

#### **BACKGROUND**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which connected battered women's advocates from across the country who were working to end domestic violence against women and children.

In 1989, Congress passed Public Law 101-112, officially designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Since then, cities across the nation have joined with battered women's advocates to proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Each year, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed to encourage individuals, advocates, and communities to take actions to help end domestic violence. Community events are held to raise public awareness of domestic violence issues, to educate victims on how to access available resources, and to send a powerful statement to abusers that domestic violence will not be tolerated.

#### **DISCUSSION**

At the September 28, 2021 City Council meeting, the Santa Clara City Council will proclaim October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This is an information report only and no action is being taken by the City Council and no environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") is required.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to the City other than staff time

#### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

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