

Proclamation

Whereas, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is recognized each October through educational events, community gatherings, and support groups.

Whereas, Domestic violence (also called intimate partner violence, domestic abuse, or relationship abuse) is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship. It can happen to anyone at any point in a relationship. Domestic violence includes behaviors that physically harm, cause fear, prevent a partner from doing what they wish, or force them to behave in ways they do not want.

Whereas, domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels, and in many cases, traumatized children are the silent victims in homes where domestic violence occurs; and

Whereas, in 2022, the Alameda Police Department received 219 domestic violence-related calls, and 206 domestic violence-related cases were reported from every neighborhood in the city; and

Whereas, while progress has been made through the efforts of courageous survivors, advocacy, and legislative action, one in four women and one in seven men in the United States will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes. Breaking the cycle of domestic violence requires a focused and coordinated community response to help build a culture where abuse is not tolerated, and where survivors are heard, supported, and protected; and

Whereas, the City of Alameda's Domestic Violence Task Force – comprised of Building Futures, Alameda Police Department, Alameda Hospital, The Family Violence Law Center, Alameda Family Services, Alameda Point Collaborative, the City's Social Service Human Relations Board, Girls Inc. of the Island City, and Alameda Boys & Girls Club – coordinates domestic violence prevention and intervention services, and conducts outreach activities during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to help create a domestic violence-free community; and

Whereas, we express our gratitude to the remarkable people and organizations that offer care and critical services to survivors of domestic violence, including Building Futures. If you are experiencing domestic violence and need help, call Building Futures' 24-hour crisis line: 1-866-A-WAY-OUT or 1-866-292-9688.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 to be

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in the City of Alameda, and encourage Alameda residents to seek help if you are experiencing domestic violence, assist victims and survivors, and support the efforts of advocates and service providers working to end domestic violence.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

