



# City of Grover Beach, California

## PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH DECLARING

October 2017 as

### *“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”*

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a systemic pattern of abusive behavior to gain power and control through use of physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and/or emotional abuse used by one intimate partner against another and, therefore, is now more accurately called “intimate partner violence” by those who work with this issue; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups. In a single day, safe houses in California served almost 5,800 women and children. Approximately 40% of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes and 1 in 3 female murder victims in the United States are killed by intimate partners; and

WHEREAS, California law enforcement agencies received 162,302 domestic violence-related calls in 2015 and intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime in the United States, which has a significant economic impact on our country as it is estimated that 8 million days of paid work are lost nationwide each year as the result of intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to intimate partner violence in the home experience long-term consequences such as difficulty at school, substance abuse, and serious adult health problems and, among families, intimate partner violence is the third leading cause of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Women’s Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County strives to increase public awareness and understanding of intimate partner violence and the needs of survivors. In 2016 the Women’s Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County served nearly 800 survivors in our community, providing essential, lifesaving services for survivors and their children fleeing violence; and

WHEREAS, survivors of intimate partner violence embody incredible strength and resilience to overcome trauma and abuse to build lives free of violence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grover Beach strongly supports the efforts of The Women’s Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County and its partners to work to reduce intimate partner violence in San Luis Obispo County through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grover Beach City Council does hereby proclaim October 2017 as, “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in the City of Grover Beach.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Grover Beach to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2017.

JOHN SHOALS, MAYOR

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