

RESOLUTION NO. 8436

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DEDICATING OCTOBER, 2023 AS “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.”

WHEREAS, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, although progress has been made toward preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide education, awareness, and understanding of domestic violence and its causes; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40 percent of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, women between 18 and 24 years of age are significantly more likely to be survivors of physical intimate partner violence than women in other age groups; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality.; and

WHEREAS, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates the victim’s privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Psychological Association, women with disabilities have a forty percent greater risk of intimate partner violence than women without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, fifty-four percent of transgender and gender nonconforming people have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences, including difficulty at school, substance abuse, behavioral problems in adolescence, and serious adult health problems; and

WHEREAS, incidents of domestic violence drastically increased worldwide during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Awareness Project developed a unified message for 2023 around #1Thing. Change can start with only #1Thing. One person's actions may seem insignificant, but together a communities' collective "#1Things" can lead to real social transformation.

WHEREAS, the residents of City of Hawthorne should feel safe in their homes, their schools and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the members of the council strongly support the numerous nonprofit organizations dedicated to halting this terrible trend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, hereby incorporates by reference all the recitals herein.

Section 2. The Council of the City of Hawthorne, California hereby proclaims October 1 through October 31 as Domestic Violence Awareness month and in so doing, urges all citizens to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, in our schools and in our communities.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall cause this Resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption thereof.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY ____ OF 2023

ALEX VARGAS, Mayor
City of Hawthorne California

ATTEST:

DAYNA WILLIAMS-HUNTER, City Clerk
City of Hawthorne, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROBERT KIM, City Attorney
City of Hawthorne, California