



PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services is commemorating 41 years of service to survivors of domestic violence in Napa County, having opened the first confidential safe house on October 5, 1981, to provide safety to those escaping abuse; and

WHEREAS, every year since 1989, the United States Congress has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, renewing our Country's commitment to standing against DV and meeting the needs of survivors; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a public health concern that impacts the well-being and success of individuals, as well as the community as a whole. U.S. Center of Disease Control's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey data show that nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men in the U.S. report experiencing severe physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime. Domestic violence can cause severe physical and emotional distress for survivors who are more likely to become suicidal and lose economic opportunities from the abuse. Children who witness abuse are likely to experience abuse themselves and have lifelong impacts to their mental health.

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2021/22 NEWS provided services to over 1,700 Napa County residents, including 24-hour response, assistance with protective orders, safety and shelter, permanent housing, financial aid, support groups and children's services, for issues related to violence in the home; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that I, John F. Dunbar, Mayor of the Town of Yountville, along with the Town Council, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to show our commitment to supporting survivors and working toward the prevention of domestic violence among future generations. We encourage all Yountville residents to honor domestic violence survivors and those who serve them during this month and throughout the year.

John F. Dunbar, Mayor