



*Town of Yountville*

*"The Heart of the Napa Valley"*

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **in Recognition of**

## **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, NEWS, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services is commemorating 42 years of service to survivors of domestic violence in Napa County, having opened the first confidential safe house on October 5th 1981 and began providing safety to those escaping abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a public health concern that impacts the well-being and success of individual community members, as well as the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2022/2023 NEWS provided services to nearly 1,800 of our Napa County community members, 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

**WHEREAS**, In Fiscal Year 2022/2023, NEWS served nine clients from the Town of Yountville, including children. The NEWS Help Line received 47 calls for assistance from Yountville residents. Clients from Yountville received emergency assistance and crisis intervention services; court advocacy and accompaniment, including help preparing and filing restraining orders; and support from our Kids Exposed to Domestic Violence (KEDS) program: and

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that I, Margie Mohler, Mayor of the Town of Yountville, along with the Town Council, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month", and encourage all residents of Yountville to honor domestic violence survivors and those who serve them during this month and throughout the year.

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Margie Mohler, Mayor

Dated: October 3, 2023