

**Resolution No.  
Sonoma County Administration Building  
Santa Rosa, California 95403**

**Date:** October 6, 2009

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2009 TO BE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN SONOMA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a crime, and does not discriminate, crossing all ethnic, racial, political, class, and gender lines; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence involves the systematic use of force, threats and intimidation to establish and maintain control of the victim; and

WHEREAS, stopping the cycle of violence in the home requires the support and involvement of all those in the criminal justice system and in community based agencies that provide support services to victims, along with the courage and resolve of the survivors; and

WHEREAS, communities around the nation come together during October to mourn those who have died as a result of domestic violence, to celebrate those who have survived domestic violence, and to honor those who work tirelessly to put an end to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, enhanced prevention and intervention efforts within the criminal justice system, County departments, and community-based agencies increase awareness of the severity and extent of domestic violence, conveying the message to perpetrators that domestic violence will not be tolerated in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the ongoing efforts of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney's Office, the Department of Health Services, Sonoma County Courts, the YWCA, other law enforcement agencies, County departments and community groups who continue to work together to stop the cycle of domestic violence and improve services to its victims;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, in recognition of the community effort to address domestic violence, hereby proclaims October 2009 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Brown: \_\_\_\_\_ Kerns: \_\_\_\_\_ Zane: \_\_\_\_\_ Carrillo: \_\_\_\_\_ Kelley: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

**SO ORDERED**