

Town of Yountville
"The Heart of the Napa Valley"

PROCLAMATION

in Recognition of
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services is commemorating 40 years of service to survivors of domestic violence in Napa County, having opened the first confidential safe house on October 5th 1981 to provide safety for individuals escaping abuse; and

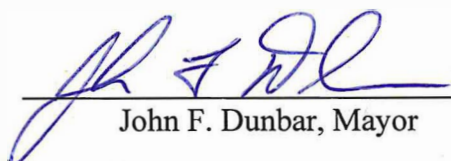
WHEREAS, every year since 1989, the United States Congress has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, renewing our country's commitment to standing against domestic violence and meeting the needs of survivors; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a public health concern that impacts the well-being and success of individuals and our community as a whole. 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 are often used to control other family members which can have lifelong impacts on their mental health.

WHEREAS, in 2019-20, Napa Emergency Women's Services (NEWS) provided domestic violence and sexual abuse services to over 1,500 Napa County community members, with 84% of those survivors self-identifying as women, 55% as Latinx, and nearly 20% minors. Services included 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 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encourage all residents of Yountville to remain committed to supporting survivors and working toward the prevention of domestic violence among future generations.




John F. Dunbar, Mayor