



Agenda Item #6.1
For Council Meeting of: October 11, 2022

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa recognizes that domestic violence affects one in four families in our local community and that the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, and security, based on the systematic use of emotional, physical, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, established in 1975, YWCA Sonoma County is our community's singular and vital resource for local residents experiencing violence in the place we should all feel the safest, inside our own homes; and

WHEREAS, YWCA Sonoma County, a not-for-profit agency who relies on our local community for support, embodies its mission to empower, educate, and advocate for domestic violence survivors and their children; and

WHEREAS, YWCA operates Sonoma County's only confidential safe house shelter and Sonoma County's only 24/7 domestic violence crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS, their Counseling Support Services offers trauma-informed individual therapy along with support group therapy for victims of trauma and domestic violence including the students at YWCA's therapeutic preschool serving children ages 3-5 years old; and

WHEREAS, only an informed community effort will end the cycle of violence for local families and encourage members of our community to participate in YWCA's scheduled events and programs to support their mission to eliminate domestic violence in Sonoma County through awareness, education and empowerment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Chris Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Chris Rogers
October 11, 2022