



Proclamation

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, the YWCA Sonoma County is a community-based, not for profit organization affiliated with the YWCA USA. YWCA Sonoma County embodies its mission to empower, educate and advocate for domestic violence survivors and their children who find they are unsafe in their own homes. YWCA Sonoma County operates our community's only confidential safe house shelter, the only 24/7 domestic violence crisis hotline and the only therapeutic preschool serving one of our most vulnerable populations: children ages 3-5 years; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, sexes, ages, sexual orientations, and income levels. Stopping the cycle of vicious criminal assault in the home requires a coordinated effort between the criminal justice system and the agencies that provide services to victims, primarily reliant on the strong resolve and immense courage of survivors; and

WHEREAS, only a collaborative community effort will put an end to the cycle of domestic violence. Members of our community are encouraged 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 Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Mayor Chris Coursey
October 3, 2017