City of Santa Rosa

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa recognizes that domestic violence affects one in four families in our local community and that nearly all of us know someone who has been abused, 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 1976, YWCA Sonoma County is our community's singular and vital resource for local residents experiencing violence in the place where we should all feel the most safe, inside our own homes. YWCA operates Sonoma County's ONLY confidential safe house shelter and Sonoma County's ONLY 24/7 domestic violence crisis hotline. YWCA's Counseling Support Services offers trauma-informed individual and support group therapy for victims of trauma and domestic violence, including the students at YWCA's therapeutic preschool serving one of our most vulnerable populations: children ages 3-5 years old; and

WHEREAS, only an informed community effort will end the cycle of violence for local families, members of our community are encouraged to participate in YWCA's scheduled events and programs to raise much-needed funding to support their vision for every family in Sonoma County to live healthy, productive lives and be safe in their own homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED, that I, Mark Stapp, Mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in recognition of our community, do hereby proclaim October 2025 in Santa Rosa as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Mark Stapp
September 30, 2025