



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Rosa recognizes that domestic violence affects one in four families in our local community and that nearly 75% of Americans 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 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. 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, BE IT RESOLVED** that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2023 in Santa Rosa as

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**



Mayor Natalie Rogers  
October 10, 2023