

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2025 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, more than one in three women and one in four men and one in two transgender individuals experience some form of physical or sexual violence and/or stalking by their intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, there were 10,000 requests for service through Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA)'s 24-hour crisis hotline and law enforcement referrals last year, and CORA staff provided over \$1 million dollars in client cash assistance, including subsidized rent, security deposits, and a range of emergency expenses, from car repairs to storage costs; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, 121 adults and children were provided emergency shelter, including stays in safe houses and motels, and 144 adults and children were provided longer term rental assistance to escape their abusers; and

WHEREAS, 606 adults and children received therapy to help them with domestic violence-related trauma, and CORA fielded 2,092 requests for legal assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City of South San Francisco recognizes the critical need for services in order to support our residents, and thanks CORA and other groups for their essential programs; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence continues to be among the most under-reported crimes and the City of South San Francisco is committed to eliminating all forms of intimate partner abuse, as everyone deserves a healthy relationship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of South San Francisco does hereby recognize October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encourages our community to raise awareness and do our part to rid intimate partner violence.

Eddie Flores, Mayor

Mark Addiego, Vice Mayor

James Coleman, Councilmember

Mark Nagales, Councilmember

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Dated: September 24, 2025