

**RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

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WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a pervasive issue across South San Francisco, the United States and the world with implications for personal and community health; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence does not discriminate and touches all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender identity, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not limited to physical violence and highlights behavior to gain control and power over a partner, significant other, and/or family member; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence involves control, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, intimidation, isolation, verbal abuse, male privilege, and economic abuse; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience physical violence by their intimate partner at some point during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, at least 5 million acts of domestic violence occur annually to women aged 18 years and older; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence experience emotional and psychological trauma, homelessness, develop alcohol and drug dependency; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the leading cause of death, illness, and disability for women under 45 years of age; and

WHEREAS, ALLICE Alliance for Community Empowerment engages individuals and groups to share resources toward educating the public about healthy relationships; and

WHEREAS, research shows that by creating communities where people are connected, supportive and care for one another can reduce incidents of domestic violence

WHEREAS, every day in South San Francisco individuals and organizations play a part in supporting people impacted by domestic violence, providing services including therapeutic, legal, educational, housing, advocacy, and medical services. .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Richard Garbarino and the City Council of South San Francisco do hereby proclaim October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.