



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DECLARING OCTOBER 2019 DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN INYO COUNTY**



WHEREAS, although progress has been made toward breaking the cycle of violence and providing support to victims of domestic violence and their families, much work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for victims and their children fleeing violence; and

WHEREAS, advocates and organizations work on behalf of victims every day; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence shelters and services, law enforcement officials, health care providers, court systems and legal aid providers, tribal organizations, and others are all an integral part of the effort to end domestic violence and must be recognized and applauded for their work; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence embody incredible strength and resilience; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, women 18-24 years of age are significantly more likely to be victims of physical intimate partner violence than women in other age groups; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Psychological Association, women with disabilities have a 40 percent greater risk of intimate partner violence than women without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Native American women residing on reservations suffer domestic violence and physical assault at rates 50 percent higher than women of other races, and at least 70 percent of this violence is committed by persons of another race; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence has a significant economic impact on women throughout the country, with an estimated 8 million days of paid work lost as the result of intimate partner violence and \$8.3 billion in expenses annually through a combination of higher medical costs and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences including difficulty at school, substance abuse, and serious adult health problems; and

WHEREAS, among families, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, all victims deserve access to culturally appropriate programs and services to increase their safety and improve their life situations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to understand the complexity of violence as perpetuated within communities and against communities, and the fear of many victims to report to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Wild Iris has served more than 550 survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community over the last year; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the public awareness and understanding of domestic violence and the needs of survivors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the vital role that all Californians can play in preventing and one day ending domestic violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors declares October 2019 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Inyo County.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of October 2019, by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *CLINT G. QUILTER*
Clerk of the Board

by: _____
Assistant Clerk of the Board