



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming October 2023 in Sebastopol as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol 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; and

WHEREAS, 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 most safe, inside our own homes; and

WHEREAS, YWCA operates Sonoma County's ONLY confidential safe house shelter and Sonoma County's ONLY 24/7 domestic violence crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS, 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, Neysa Hinton, Mayor of the City of Sebastopol, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2023 in Sebastopol as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 3rd day of October, 2023.

Neysa Hinton
Mayor, City of Sebastopol