



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol hereby recognizes that domestic violence affects one in four families, and that nearly all of us know someone who has been a victim of abuse, 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, since 1976, YWCA Sonoma County has been the singular and vital resource for local residents experiencing violence in the place where we should all feel the safest, inside our own homes. We recognize and pay tribute to YWCA's founders, staff, board of directors, and volunteers for their 50th anniversary this year. 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 children at YWCA's Childcare Centers serving one of our most vulnerable populations: children ages 0 to 5 years old; and

Whereas, only an informed community can end the cycle of violence, we are encouraged to learn about YWCA's programs and 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, Jill McLewis, Mayor of the City of Sebastopol, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2026 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 day, October 6, 2026.

Jill McLewis
Mayor, City of Sebastopol