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NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH October 2022

WHEREAS, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and although progress has been made toward preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done;

Whereas, domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities. There is a need to provide education, awareness and understanding of domestic violence and its causes;

Whereas, domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California;

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

Whereas, survivors deserve access to culturally responsive programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency;

Whereas, all communities deserve access to culturally responsive prevention programs and initiatives to improve overall community health and safety by challenging the societal norms that perpetuate violence; and

Whereas, the City of San Fernando recognizes the vital role that all Californians can play in preventing and one day ending domestic violence programs and initiatives.

> NOW, THEREFORE, THE SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2022 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in the City of San Fernando, and joins with others across the Nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, and urges all residents to actively participate in sending a loud and clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in the City of San Fernando.

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