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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS WANG

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2026 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, domestic and intimate partner violence affects individuals, children, and families across all neighborhoods of Oakland, touching residents of every background and socioeconomic status while remaining an urgent public health and community safety issue; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the California Department of Justice Criminal Justice Statistics Center, law enforcement agencies in Oakland respond to more than 2,300 domestic violence-related calls for assistance annually, reflecting an average of more than six critical domestic crisis calls each day; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County as a whole records between 4,500 and 5,000 domestic violence-related calls for law enforcement assistance each year, with Oakland representing a major share of these crisis interventions and emergency shelter demands; and

WHEREAS, City of Oakland community health indicators reveal significant racial and health disparities in trauma exposure, where African American residents experience a domestic violence victimization rate exceeding 2,100 per 100,000—a rate substantially higher than other demographic groups in the city; and

WHEREAS, the compounding challenges of trauma, housing insecurity, and the elevated cost of living in the Bay Area make access to emergency housing, flexible financial assistance, and legal protection vital, life-saving necessities for survivors seeking safety and independence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is fortunate to be served by dedicated community-based organizations, crisis shelters, and advocacy leaders—including **A Safe Place**, the **Family Violence Law Center (FVLC)**, the **Alameda County Family Justice Center (ACFJC)**, and violence intervention initiatives funded through **Oakland Unite**—which collectively provide 24/7 crisis intervention, emergency safe housing, legal advocacy, and trauma-informed healing services; and

WHEREAS, ending the cycle of family and relationship violence in Oakland requires a comprehensive, citywide commitment that prioritizes early youth prevention, trauma recovery, equitable survivor support, and strong collaboration between city departments and community advocates; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides our city with an essential platform to honor survivors, mourn those lost to relationship abuse, recognize first responders and service providers, and reaffirm Oakland's steadfast dedication to building violence-free homes and neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Oakland hereby proclaims October 2026 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in the City of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council calls upon all residents, community organizations, and city departments to wear purple, support local domestic violence service providers, and work collectively toward lasting safety, healing, and justice for all Oaklanders.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:_____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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