



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, held every October, encourages us to raise awareness about domestic violence and abuse in our community, honor the lives that have been lost, and recognize the work that remains to be done, and

**WHEREAS**, often surrounded by silence and shame, domestic violence is a complex and difficult issue to discuss. It affects people of all genders and all backgrounds regardless of age, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, economic status, education, or religion; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence, also known as intimate partner violence, is a recurring, chronic, deliberate pattern of behaviors perpetuated by one partner (or former partner) to gain power and maintain control over another in a relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, or injure someone, and may include emotional, financial, physical, psychological, sexual, and spiritual abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, for survivors, the ongoing exposure to abuse and the resulting trauma can have devastating and long-lasting effects on their physical, mental, and emotional health. The journey to safely escape and fully heal from an abusive relationship is different for each person and will take time, space, and support; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men experience domestic violence in their lifetime, regardless of their background; 1 in 7, or 15 million, children in the U.S. are affected by domestic violence each year; 99% of domestic violence cases involve financial abuse, including forced job loss, damaged credit history and substantial debt; 58% of adult Californians are personally affected by domestic violence, either having been a victim or abuser, or knowing someone who is; in San Diego County, over 18,000 domestic violence incidents were reported to law enforcement last year, although the majority are never reported due to fear and intimidation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, I, Ron Morrison as Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, do hereby set my hand and affix the official seal and together with the City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2023 as:

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**



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Luz Molina  
Vice-Mayor

Jose Rodriguez  
Councilmember

*Ron Morrison*

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MAYOR

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Councilmember

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