



## Agenda Report

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### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### SUBJECT

Proclamation of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

#### BACKGROUND

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In 1981, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence convened battered women's advocates from across the country for a Day of Unity to bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence.

In 1989 Congress passed Public Law 101-112, officially designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Since then, cities across the nation have joined with battered women's advocates to proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness month.

#### DISCUSSION

Each year, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed to encourage individuals, advocates, and communities to take actions to help end domestic violence. Community events are held to raise public awareness of domestic violence issues, to educate victims on how to access available resources, and to send a powerful statement to abusers that domestic violence will not be tolerated.

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Mayor has signed a City Proclamation, proclaiming the month of October 2019, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Santa Clara.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This is an information report only and no action is being taken by the City Council and no environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") is required.

#### PUBLIC CONTACT

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