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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office  
**REPORT BY:** Patricia Grisham, Administrative Secretary I, 253-4424  
**SUBJECT:** Presentation of Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
(Supervisor Dodd)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Presentation of a proclamation declaring October, 2006 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (Supervisor Dodd)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Napa Emergency Women's Services (NEWS) and the Family Violence Prevention Council of Napa County requested the Board of Supervisors issue a Proclamation acknowledging October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and recognize the 9th Annual Family Violence Prevention Vigil on October 19, 2006 in the City of Napa.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Every year since 1989, the United States Congress has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month renewing our Country's commitment to preventing and ending domestic violence.

Domestic violence is a difficult and frequently traumatic topic, yet one which consistently sounds a chord in many people's hearts -- whether they are or have been a victim of family violence or personally know a sufferer. Napa Emergency Women's Services (NEWS) assists women and children in Napa County in their decision to flee the violence in their homes and to establish new, violence-free lives.

Joining with domestic violence agencies nationwide in acknowledgement of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, NEWS will sponsor the 9th Annual Family Violence Prevention Vigil on October 19, 2006 to increase public awareness of domestic violence prevention strategies and interventions. Having a Proclamation carries weight and meaning for those with whom it is shared and gives a sense of acknowledgement to those frequently silent sufferers of family violence and assurance that they are not forgotten.

By approving this proclamation the Board of Supervisors will encourage all of the County's residents to take a moment to reflect on the debilitating effects and cost of domestic violence to our beautiful County; and to commend the ongoing work of NEWS and the Family Violence Prevention Council in their vital roles in serving the victims of domestic violence and in their efforts in education and prevention of family violence.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proc

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman