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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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 Dillon)

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation declaring October, 2005 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (Supervisor Dillon)

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 7th Annual Family Violence Prevention Vigil on October 20, 2005 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

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 assists women and children in Napa County in their decision to flee the violence in their homes and to establish new, violence-free lives.

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.

October has been declared as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the County of Napa. The Board of Supervisors would like to encourage all of its 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 Napa Emergency Women's Services 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: Britt Ferguson