



CITY OF SEBASTO POL

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTO POL PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2022 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol recognizes that domestic violence affects *one in four families* in our local community and that the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, and security, based on the systematic use of emotional, physical, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse; and

Whereas, established in 1975, YWCA Sonoma County is our community's singular and vital resource for local residents experiencing violence in the place we should all feel the most safe, inside our own homes; and

Whereas, YWCA Sonoma County, a not-for-profit agency who relies on our local community for support, embodies its mission to empower, educate, and advocate for domestic violence survivors and their children; and

Whereas, YWCA operates Sonoma County's ONLY confidential safe house shelter and Sonoma County's ONLY 24/7 domestic violence crisis hotline. YWCA's Counseling Support Services offers trauma-informed individual and support group therapy for victims of trauma and domestic violence including the students at YWCA's therapeutic preschool serving one of our most vulnerable populations: children ages 3-5 years old; and

Whereas, only an informed community effort will end the cycle of violence for local families, members of our community are encouraged to participate in YWCA's scheduled events and programs to support their mission to eliminate domestic violence in Sonoma County through awareness, education and empowerment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, I, Patrick Slayter, Mayor of the City of Sebastopol, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2022 in the City of Sebastopol as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 4th day of October 2022.

Patrick Slayter, Mayor, City of Sebastopol