



## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence impacts, women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, emotional and physical scars resulting from Domestic Violence are often severe and long lasting; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past 12 months, Lake County Law Enforcement responded to over 253 incidents of Domestic Violence, including men, women and children. In the past 12 months the Victim Witness Division of the District Attorney's office has served 336 victims of Domestic Violence. Lake Family Resource Center responded to 942 crisis line calls, served victims, and additionally sheltered 116 domestic violence victims and their children for a total of 4,292 bed nights.

**WHEREAS**, it is crucially important to hold perpetrators responsible for assault and to prevent Domestic Violence at every opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, family violence is a community problem, stopping the cycle requires not only the strength and courage of survivors, but also the support and involvement of all members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, many organizations such as the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Lakeport Police Department, Clearlake Police Department and Lake Family Resource Center are committed to ending Domestic Violence in Lake County and provide essential crisis intervention and prevention services to all members of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the month of October 2022 is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Clearlake and our community is urged to support the efforts of the agencies assisting victims of domestic violence and to increase their involvement in efforts to prevent domestic violence, thereby strengthening our community and creating an environment which honors, nurtures and protects all members of every family.

**Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022**

**Dirk Slooten, Mayor**