

Wheatland City Council
313 Main Street/P.O. Box 395
Wheatland, CA 95692

September 4, 2020

Dear Council Members,

October is *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. This month provides an excellent opportunity for Wheatland to demonstrate its commitment to ending domestic violence and support the numerous victims and survivors who are among us. One in four women and one in seven men in the US is a victim of physical, emotional or sexual abuse from a intimate partner. These violent relationships have serious consequences for victims – with impacts such as injury, fearfulness and post-traumatic stress. Now is the time to educate and bring awareness to our communities about the seriousness and prevalence of domestic violence and bring prevention to our society.

Casa de Esperanza would be honored if you would sponsor an official proclamation to recognize October as the City of Wheatland's *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. Your proclamation would lend official recognition to the important work of raising awareness about domestic violence as well as emphasizing your personal commitment to ending this crime. Another way to show support is by wearing your Purple Ribbon all month long. Attached is a sample proclamation to guide your office in composing a proclamation for your county.

If you or your staff has any questions about this request, the sample proclamation, obtaining more ribbons or *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*, please call me at (530) 674-5400. We appreciate the support you have provided in the past and look forward to your continued partnership in the future.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Guzman
Domestic Violence Project Director
Casa de Esperanza

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF
WHEATLAND, CALIFORNIA
HONORING OCTOBER 2020
AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence leaves an imprint of fear and hostility; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, affectional preference, and social barriers, thereby affecting society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in the city of Wheatland, adults and children are victims of violence each year; and

WHEREAS, Wheatland City Council is committed to restoring the right to freedom from fear in our own homes; and

WHEREAS, Wheatland City Council is committed to restoring the right to freedom from fear in our communities; and

WHEREAS, in our quest to impose sanctions on those who break the law by perpetrating violence, we must also meet the needs of victims of domestic violence and their children who often suffer grave financial, physical, and psychological losses; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, in cooperation with Casa de Esperanza, Inc., I, Rick West, Mayor of the City of Wheatland and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We urge all citizens, agencies, and businesses to **WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS, TO TAKE A STAND** until society has a zero tolerance for domestic violence.

Rick West, Mayor