

Resolution

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RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN MAUI COUNTY

WHEREAS, October is recognized across the United States as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, vigils and other events to raise awareness about domestic violence will be held on Molokai and Lanai, in East Maui and West Maui, and in other locations throughout the month of October; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence inundates communities throughout the nation, causing harm to millions of women, men, and children, destroying relationships, and disrupting social order; and

WHEREAS public-awareness efforts must be developed to educate each citizen about the detrimental effects of domestic violence and the need to focus on prevention, intervention, and treatment to strengthen families and teach alternatives to violent behavior; and

WHEREAS, annually, 10 million people across the country, regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, or social and economic status, are victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, someone is sexually assaulted every two minutes, and every day an average of three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends—which are sad and troubling statistics that include tragic deaths of our own valued citizens in Maui County; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and successful efforts of those working tirelessly to end domestic violence in Maui County, and the strength of survivors of domestic violence and their families, should be recognized and commended; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby recognizes the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Maui County; and

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2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Maui Family Peace Center / Parents And Children Together; Child & Family Service; Women Helping Women; the Juvenile Client & Family Services Branch, Second Circuit Court, Hawaii State Judiciary; Family Court, Second Circuit Court, Hawaii State Judiciary; the Committee on the Status of Women, County of Maui; the Victim Witness Assistance Division, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui; the Domestic Violence Unit, Department of the Police, County of Maui; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.