

CITY OF FRESNO

Offices of Council President Annalisa Perea,
Councilmember Nelson Esparza, and Councilmember Miguel Arias.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS: Domestic violence is a longstanding and overlooked societal problem that affects millions of individuals across the United States each year, regardless of race, age, sex, and income; and

WHEREAS: Domestic abuse poses long-term damaging effects on survivors and their loved ones. Recent research has reported more than three million children per year witness domestic violence and become socialized into believing abuse is normal, which can perpetuate the cycle of violence; and

WHEREAS: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month nationally, which assembles allied organizations, professionals, and the surrounding community to acknowledge survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS: Fresno has the highest number of domestic violence calls to law enforcement in California; and

WHEREAS: Centro La Familia Advocacy Services is a local community-based organization that offers a full range of legal services for domestic violence survivors such as assistance with reporting crimes to law enforcement, filing requests for restraining orders, assistance with humanitarian relief, educational courses about the criminal justice system, and providing referrals for counseling; and

WHEREAS: Centro La Familia Advocacy Services is recognized as a culturally specific and responsive organization that provides vital support to survivors of domestic violence, particularly within the Latino community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that we, Council President Annalisa Perea, Councilmember Nelson Esparza, Councilmember Miguel Arias, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim, the month of October 2024, as:

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands
and affixed the Seal of The City of Fresno, California, on this 10th day of October 2024.