



# *Proclamation*

## *Declaring October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

**WHEREAS**, more than one in three women and one in four men and one in two transgender individuals experience some form of physical or sexual violence and/or stalking by their intimate partner in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 7,945 requests for service through Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA)'s 24-hour crisis hotline and law enforcement referrals last year, and 1,291 adults and teens received community education on healthy relationships and the impact of intimate partner abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, in San Mateo County, 112 adults and children were provided emergency shelter and 79 households were provided longer term rental assistance to escape their abusers last year; and

**WHEREAS**, 479 adults and children received therapy to help them with domestic violence-related trauma, and CORA fielded 1,973 requests for legal assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Bruno, as part of San Mateo County, recognizes the critical need for county wide services in order to support our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, intimate partner violence continues to be among the most under-reported crimes and the City of San Bruno is committed to eliminating all forms of intimate partner abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Rico E. Medina, Mayor of the City of San Bruno, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to raise awareness about and encourage all residents of San Mateo County to do their part to help rid our community of intimate partner violence.

Rico E. Medina, Mayor

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023