

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Proclamation

**DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020 AS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY**

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 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, Lake County Law Enforcement responded to over 520 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 over 376 victims of Domestic Violence. The Lake County Sheriff's Office received 793 calls reported as Domestic Violence and Lake Family Resource Center responded to 1007 crisis line calls, served victims, and additionally sheltered 149 domestic violence victims and their children for a total of 3,875 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 2020 is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Lake County, 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.