



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION DECLARING
OCTOBER 2021 AS
“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH”**

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Action Month calls attention to the fact that sexual and intimate partner violence is widespread and impacts every person in Arroyo Grande; and

WHEREAS, RISE and Stand Strong officially merged on July 1, 2021, to form Lumina Alliance, an agency that serves survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence throughout all of San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, although progress has been made toward preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to focus on the individualized needs of domestic violence survivors; and

WHEREAS, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and those living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE continues to provide a safe environment to those affected by domestic violence with crisis intervention, counseling, education, legal services, and emergency safe housing, with the help of dedicated volunteers and professionals; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE has provided services to more than one thousand eight hundred clients in the last year, including more than eight thousand collective nights provided for shelter clients, and more than six thousand four hundred hours of counseling; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE has created San Luis Obispo’s first social marketing campaign, ReDefine SLO, focused on parents and educators of preteen boys in an effort to prioritize frequent and quality conversations on topics such as gender, masculinity, and consent in an effort to prevent violence, harm, and assault in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande strongly supports the efforts of LUMINA ALLIANCE, believing every segment of our society must work together to better address intimate partner violence, and striving to connect survivors with services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, do hereby proclaim the month of October to be National Domestic Violence Action Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 12th day of October 2021.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR



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