



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
OCTOBER 2019 AS  
"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"**

**WHEREAS, domestic violence is a systematic pattern of abusive behavior to gain power and control through use of physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and/or emotional abuse used by one intimate partner against another; and**

**WHEREAS, every minute an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners in the United States which equates to 10 million abuse victims annually; and**

**WHEREAS, approximately 40% of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetime while 1 in 3 female murder victims in the United States are killed by intimate partners; and**

**WHEREAS, children exposed to intimate partner violence in the home experience long-term consequences such as difficulty at school, substance abuse, and serious adult health problems; and**

**WHEREAS, Stand Strong provided a variety of prevention and direct services to intimate partner violence victims last year, including assisting over 820 clients, providing 2,864 nights of shelter to clients, and responding to 885 crisis calls; and**

**WHEREAS, we recognize the survivors and victims of intimate partner violence embody incredible strength and resilience to overcome trauma and abuse to build lives free of violence; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby declare October 2019 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of intimate partner violence, by supporting those who are working toward its end, and by participating in community awareness efforts.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.**

**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**



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