

Proclamation

Family Court Awareness Month

WHEREAS, about 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in San Mateo County will experience domestic violence, according to Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA). Domestic violence impacts 10,000 people in San Mateo County each year; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Family Court Awareness Month is to increase awareness of the importance of education and training on family violence, childhood trauma, and post-separation abuse for all professionals working within the family court system. The mission is to educate these professionals on the empirical data and research that is currently available; and

WHEREAS, such research is a critical component to finding solutions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes but is not limited to: The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study (CCDC-Kaiser Permanente), Saunder's Study (US Department of Justice), The Meier Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse Allegations, and the Santa Clara Law Study (Confronting the Challenge of High-Conflict Personality in Family Court); and

WHEREAS, organizations such as One Mom's Battle (OMB) and the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) are dedicated to bring to light the issues faced by many families who are fearful of speaking out publicly; and

WHEREAS, members of OMC and FCAMC have banded together from Redwood City and across the entire nation to make changes in the family court system to honor the lives of 810 children who have been reported as being murdered in the United States by a separating or divorcing parent, wherein at least 110 cases the courts had heard pleas to intervene; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City, through its guiding principle of "Children and Youth", is committed to improving the lives of children and families who suffer from domestic violence by spreading awareness on this sensitive issue.

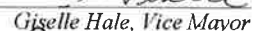
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, DIANE HOWARD, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim November as **Family Court Awareness Month and urge all community members to increase awareness to those who may be struggling in silence as a result of domestic violence, and encourage your personal commitment to help support child safety in the Redwood City community and beyond.**

Date: November 8, 2021





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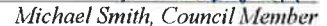
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