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Board of Supervisors
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PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2026 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
(Fiscal Impact: None)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) was inspired by the "Day of Unity" in October 1981, the first national event to raise public awareness about domestic violence and to support survivors. By 1987, the momentum, resources, and public demand had grown, and the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in October of 1987. The first national toll-free domestic violence hotline was established. Then, in 1989 Congress passed Public Law 101-112 officially designating October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic Violence affects people of all races, ethnicities, and religions. In the United States, 20 people are physically abused by an intimate partner every minute. Over 20,000 phone calls are made daily to domestic violence hotlines nationwide.

The District Attorney's Office and the Kern County Family Justice Center, along with many partner agencies, are working daily to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence and to bring awareness to the community.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board proclaim October 2026 "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Kern County and make presentation.

Sincerely,

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