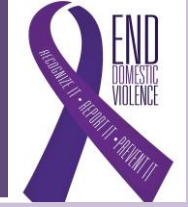


# PROCLAMATION DECLARING October 2025 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month



**WHEREAS**, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, policymakers and communities must work together to transform the conditions that cause domestic violence and support survivor-centered solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence programs in California provide essential lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to support and amplify prevention programs and community-based strategies to create healthy environments and decrease the likelihood of perpetration, thereby stopping domestic violence from occurring in the first place; and

**WHEREAS**, all survivors deserve access to culturally responsive programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, 54% of transgender and gender non-conforming people have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime [1]; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 125 domestic violence related homicides in California in 2024, of which 93 of the fatalities were female, and 32 were male [2]; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 37,000 domestic violence survivors and their children rely on domestic violence shelters and transitional housing programs for safety and shelter daily in the United States [3]; and

**WHEREAS**, children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences including difficulty at school, substance abuse, behavioral problems in adolescence, and serious adult health problems [4]; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California provided 21,784 individuals with shelter/housing services and 226,992 individuals with emergency shelter or safe house services under the Domestic Violence Assistance Program during the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year [5]; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Sanctuary's mission is to provide trauma informed, supportive services, by offering a 24-hour hotline to victims/survivors, responding to emergency calls, offering support, and empowering those impacted by domestic violence to chart their own journey for healing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason Godeke**, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, and I do hereby proclaim October as NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

**ATTEST:**

**SIGNED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025**

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**JASON GODEKE, Mayor**

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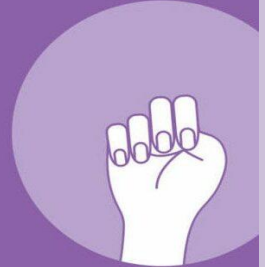
**Diana Paoli, City Clerk**

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VIOLENCE  
AT HOME  
SIGNAL  
FOR HELP

Use this signal to ask  
for help on a video  
call without leaving  
a digital trace.



1. Palm to camera and tuck thumb



2. Trap thumb



[1] 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey <https://www.transequality.org/sites/default/files/docs/USTS-Full-Report-FINAL.PDF>

[2] "Homicide in California 2024." California Department of Justice, Division of California Justice Information Services, Bureau of Criminal Information and Analysis, Criminal Justice Statistics Center: 2023. <https://data-openjustice.doj.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2025-07/Homicide%20In%20CA%202024%20final.pdf>

[3] "Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence", National Alliance to End Homelessness, <https://endhomelessness.org/resources/research-and-analysis/homelessness-prevention-and-rapid-re-housing-for-survivors-of-domestic-viol/>

[4] "Intimate Partner Violence", National Child Traumatic Stress Network, <http://www.nctsn.org/content/children-and-domestic-violence>

[5] 2024 Cal OES Joint Legislative Budget Committee Report, [https://www.caloes.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Grants/Documents/2024\\_JLBC\\_Report\\_Final.pdf](https://www.caloes.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Grants/Documents/2024_JLBC_Report_Final.pdf)