City of Petaluma  
Proclamation  

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER 2013

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma recognizes that the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy, dignity, and security due to the systematic use of emotional, physical, sexual, psychological, and economic control of abuse; and

WHEREAS, the YWCA of Sonoma County is a women’s membership organization affiliated with the 155 year old YWCA of the USA; and

WHEREAS, the YWCA of Sonoma County was founded in 1975 with a mission to empower, educate, and support domestic violence survivors and their children who are unsafe in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, sexes, ages, sexual orientations, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, stopping the cycle of vicious criminal assault in the home requires a coordinated effort between the criminal justice system, the agencies that provide services to victims, as well as the resolve and courage of survivors; and

WHEREAS, only a collaborative community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, all members of our community would benefit from participating in the YWCA’s scheduled events and programs to eliminate the use of personal and institutional violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, David Glass, Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby designate the month of October 2013, as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in the City of Petaluma.

David Glass, Mayor

Claire Cooper, City Clerk