



P CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA **roclamation**

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

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime impacting countless of Americans, without regard to age, race, religion, or economic status; as victims suffer at the hands of a spouse or partner, it affects their children, families, and entire communities; and

WHEREAS, although progress has been made toward preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in ten men have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 54% of transgender individuals experience some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, homicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States for women under the age of 44, and nearly half are killed by a current or former male intimate partner; and

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

WHEREAS, Costa Mesa residents are united in offering unequivocal support during this month-long observance to the survivors of domestic violence and the work of public and private entities striving to provide them with the best possible services while sending a clear message to abusers that such crimes will never be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, Human Options is igniting social change by educating Orange County to recognize relationship violence as an issue that threatens everyone, advocating for those affected by abuse, extending a safe place for victims, and empowering survivors on their journey of healing; and



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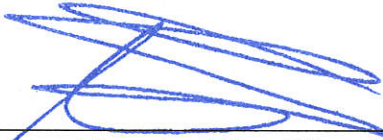
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WHEREAS, Human Options is committed to a future in which every person and family in Orange County experiences safe, healthy relationships and lives free from abuse; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa recognizes the vital role that all residents can play in preventing and ending domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John B. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. I urge Costa Mesa residents to become involved in efforts to prevent and respond to domestic violence and recognize the impact of domestic violence in our community.

DATED this 18th day of October 2022.



John B. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa