



*Proclamation
of the City of Foster City, California*

**“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”
October 2024**

WHEREAS, more than one in three women and one in four men and one in two transgender individuals experience some form of physical or sexual violence and/or stalking by their intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, there were 8,275 requests for service through Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA)’s 24-hour crisis hotline and law enforcement referrals last year, and 2,378 adults and teens received community education on healthy relationships and the impact of intimate partner abuse; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, 94 adults and children were provided emergency shelter and 76 households were provided longer term rental assistance to escape their abusers last year; and

WHEREAS, 485 adults and children received therapy to help them with domestic violence-related trauma, and CORA fielded 1,925 requests for legal assistance; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County recognizes the critical need for county-wide services in order to support our residents; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence continues to be among the most under-reported crimes and San Mateo County is committed to eliminating all forms of intimate partner abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK SULLIVAN, MAYOR OF FOSTER CITY, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, hereby designates the month of October 2024 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, to raise awareness about and encourage all residents of Foster City to do their part to help rid our community of intimate partner violence.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Foster City to be affixed this 21st of October, in the year two thousand and twenty-four, A.D.

PATRICK SULLIVAN, MAYOR