

WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



**Resolution 12-22:
Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October 2021**

WHEREAS, the home should be a place of unconditional love, warmth, and security; however, for many Americans, home is tainted with physical or emotional violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, more than 10 million adults experience domestic violence annually, and on a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive over 20,000 calls; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children; and

WHEREAS, emotional abuse is a very real and hurtful part of intimate partner violence (IPV) that leads to emotional harm. Emotional abuse is threatening a partner or a partner's loved ones or harming a partner's sense of self-worth. Examples are name-calling, intimidation, or not letting a partner see friends and family (isolation); and

WHEREAS, victims experiencing emotional abuse may have trauma symptoms including flashbacks, panic attacks, and trouble sleeping. Anger and stress that victims feel may lead to low self-esteem and depression and may make it difficult to continue employment or caretaking of others; and


WHEREAS, 15.5 million children in the United States live in families in which partner violence occurred at least once in the past year, seven million children live in families in which severe partner violence occurred, and witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence rarely ends at the time of separation from the abuser, in fact, the most dangerous period for a victim is when he or she chooses to leave the abusive relationship. Some of the reasons victims stay in an abusive relationship include: threats to harm or take away their children, economic dependency, lack of housing options, fear of being fatally harmed by the abuser, and many more valid reasons; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodland Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees does hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month," and encourages all Californians to learn more about the extent of domestic violence, and work together with local domestic violence programs and assume the responsibility to make the message clear, both by word and by action.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of September 2021, by unanimous vote.


BOARD SECRETARY


BOARD PRESIDENT