

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

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DECLARING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AND OCTOBER 1, 1998, AS PURPLE RIBBON DAY

WHEREAS, one in two women is struck at least once in her lifetime by a partner and 4,000 women are killed by their partners or ex-partners each year; and

WHEREAS, 25% of female psychiatric patients who attempt suicide are victims of domestic violence, 85% of women in substance abuse programs are victims of domestic violence, and 50% of the children in foster care are there because of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the most prevalent violent crime in California, with law enforcement agencies receiving 500 reports a day; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, all law enforcement jurisdictions in Santa Cruz County received 834 domestic violence call-outs, 699 involving dangerous weapons and 118 involving use of guns or knives; and

WHEREAS, 91% of all battered women indicate that their children witnessed the violence; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County has demonstrated a strong commitment to domestic violence prevention and intervention, including the formation of the Santa Cruz County Domestic Violence Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet K. Beautz, Chairperson of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1998, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Santa Cruz County, and further proclaim Thursday, October 1, 1998, as Santa Cruz County Purple Ribbon Day.



*Janet Beautz*  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

October 1, 1998

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