



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2021  
AS "FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, the mission at One Mom's Battle (OMB) and the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children, and;

**WHEREAS**, FCAMC seeks to increase awareness of the importance of education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma and post separation abuse for all professionals working within the family court system, and;

**WHEREAS**, FCAMC further works to educate judges and other family court professionals on the empirical data and research that is currently available. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study (CDC-Kaiser Permanente), Saunder's Study (US Department of Justice), The Meier Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse Allegations, and the Santa Clara Law Study (Confronting the Challenge of High-Conflict Personality in Family Court), and;

**WHEREAS**, the mission at the FCAMC is fueled by the desire for awareness and change in the family court system while honoring the 800(+) children who have been murdered by separating or divorcing parents, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arroyo Grande recognizes the work of OMB and FCAMC and desires to bring awareness to the importance of an effective family court system that prioritizes child safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim November as "Family Court Awareness Month".

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**

