



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION DECLARING
OCTOBER 2022 AS
“NATIONAL DATING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH”**

WHEREAS, Dating and Domestic Violence Action Month (DVAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual and intimate partner violence is widespread and impacts every person in Arroyo Grande; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE provides essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and families throughout San Luis Obispo County including Arroyo Grande; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of control in an intimate relationship where one person uses coercion and violence to gain power and control over his or her partner and can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death.

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

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE continues to provide a safe environment to those affected by domestic violence with crisis intervention, counseling, education, legal services, and emergency safe housing, with the help of dedicated volunteers and professionals; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE has received over two thousand four hundred calls to the crisis and information line, provided more than six thousand four hundred collective nights for shelter clients, and provided more than five thousand hours of therapy; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE and Cal Poly Safer partnered to create this year’s DVAM theme, which is “We Deserve,” in recognition that in all relationships, we deserve respect, equity, honesty, bodily autonomy, independence, boundaries, healing, joy, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande supports the efforts of LUMINA ALLIANCE and shares their vision to see every segment of our society work together to better address intimate partner violence and help survivors connect with services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby declare October 2022 as “National Dating and Domestic Violence Action Month.”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 11th day of October 2022.**

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

