



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION DECLARING
OCTOBER 2023 AS
“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”**

WHEREAS, Dating and Domestic Violence Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that 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;

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

WHEREAS, domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to focus on the individualized needs of domestic violence survivors;

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 calls to the crisis & information line, provided more than six thousand collective nights for shelter clients, and provided more than four thousand eight hundred hours of therapy; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE serves as “A Bright Light During Dark Times” for survivors of Intimate Partner Violence, illuminating a path towards safety and healing.

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande strongly supports the efforts of LUMINA ALLIANCE, how every segment of our society can work together to better address intimate partner violence, and how to help survivors connect with services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby declare, October 2023 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” and recognize the important work done by domestic violence programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 26th day of September 2023.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

