

PROCLAMATION
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October

WHEREAS, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, each year millions of children and youth are at risk of exposure to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, many children witnessing domestic violence come to believe that violence is acceptable and begin to display various emotional, physical, and behavioral disturbances; and

WHEREAS, learning disabilities are common among children living in homes with domestic violence, and they often suffer developmental delays in verbal, cognitive, and motor abilities; and

WHEREAS, children from violent homes have a higher risk of alcohol/drug use, post-traumatic stress disorder, and juvenile delinquency; and

WHEREAS, schools often play a role in creating a more stable environment by modeling and teaching alternatives to violence and acting as a resource and support to families; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alameda recognize that domestic violence is incompatible with healthy relationships and that breaking the cycle of violence requires a focused and coordinated community response; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2016, the AUSD Board of Education declared all Alameda public schools as Domestic Violence Free Zones;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alameda Unified School District's Board of Education recognizes October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of September, 2020.

AYES:_____MEMBERS:_____

NOES:_____MEMBERS:_____

ABSENT:_____MEMBERS:_____

Mialisa Bonta, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By:

Pasquale Scuderi, Secretary
Board of Education
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