

CITY OF NAPA  
**PROCLAMATION**

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
October 2013**

**WHEREAS,** Every day in this community of middle class values, wonderful homes, and families, there is a dark untalked about side of domestic violence creating homes that are filled with fear, children feeling lost, and families broken; and

**WHEREAS,** every year since 1989, the United States Congress has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month renewing our Country's commitment to preventing and ending domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS,** in joining with domestic violence agencies nationwide in acknowledgment of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the community of Napa came together to create and support the Napa Emergency Women's Services (NEWS) by opening its first shelter on October 5, 1981; and

**WHEREAS,** NEWS receives over 600 crisis calls per year; a conservative estimate is that three times that number go unreported showing that the need for Napa Emergency Women's Services is a critical service to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Jill Techel, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the Napa City Council, do hereby proclaim ***October, 2013 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Napa,*** and all residents are encouraged to take a moment to reflect on the debilitating effects and cost of domestic violence to our beautiful City; to make a commitment to assist those families suffering from violence in the home; and to commend the ongoing work of NEWS in their vital role in serving the victims of domestic violence and in their education and prevention efforts.

Dated: October 15, 2013

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JILL TECHEL, MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPA