CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Yolanda T. King, County Manager

Recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners present a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Clark County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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BACKGROUND:

Nevada has been identified as having one of the ten highest domestic violence homicide rates in the country. In 2016, domestic violence related incidents claimed 26 lives in Nevada. One out of three women in the United States has been a victim of physical violence or stalking by a current or former spouse or partner. Twenty people in America, on average, are physically abused by intimate partners every minute, and one in fifteen children are exposed to domestic violence each year.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981, by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women’s advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children, and in 1989, was formally recognized by the US Congress designating October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Commissioner Sisolak would like to present a proclamation and designate October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to increase awareness about domestic violence and information about resources and anti-violence organizations that help those in need, and commend those domestic violence service providers for their endless efforts working together to end violence against men, women, and children.

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA T. KING, County Manager

Cleared for Agenda

10/2/2018

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