



# Proclamation

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2024

**Whereas**, October is recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and although progress has been made toward preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done. Domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities; and

**Whereas**, there is a need to provide education, awareness and understanding of domestic violence and its causes. Approximately 40% of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetime. Women 18-24 years of age are significantly more likely to be survivors of physical intimate partner violence than women in other age groups. Domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and California; and

**Whereas**, children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences including difficulty at school, substance abuse, behavioral problems in adolescence, and serious adult health problems; and

**Whereas**, all survivors deserve access to culturally responsive programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency; and

**Whereas**, PREVAIL has led the way in the City of Manteca in addressing domestic violence by providing 24-hour helpline services to victims and survivors by responding to emergency calls and empowering those impacted by domestic violence to chart their own course for healing. Staff and volunteers vow to work year-round to encourage every person to end domestic violence by providing young people with education about healthy relationships, changing attitudes that support violence, and creating a future where all women, men and children can live free from violence and exploitation; and

**Now, Therefore**, I, Gary Singh, Mayor of the City of Manteca, on behalf of City Council, do recognize the Month of October 2024, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs and victims' service providers, I encourage all citizens to break the cycle of violence.

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Mayor Gary Singh