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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 19-396

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE )  
MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019 AS DOMESTIC )  
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH )

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence impacts countless individuals, without regard to age, race, religion, or economic status; as victims suffer at the hands of a spouse or partner, it affects their children, families, and entire communities; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 12 million men and women in the United States each year, and at its most tragic level, kills an average of three women every day; and

**WHEREAS**, over 7,000 domestic violence calls are made locally each year, and as Fresno County's only dedicated provider of domestic violence safe housing and support services, Marjaree Mason Center serves over 6,000 individuals affected by domestic violence each year; and

**WHEREAS**, each October, the formal recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month allows the community to acknowledge and show their support for survivors and advocate for the end of the cycle of abuse through education; and

**WHEREAS**, a partnership of organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis and is achieving success. The Marjaree Mason Center, along with law enforcement, health care providers, clergy and concerned citizens are helping in the effort to end domestic violence. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals and increase public understanding of this important problem.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fresno County and urges all citizens of Fresno County to work together to end the cycle of violence in our community.

