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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SCR 118  
Author: Ochoa Bogh (R) and Rubio (D), et al.  
Introduced: 6/30/22  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**SOURCE:** California Partnership to End Domestic Violence

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**DIGEST:** This resolution proclaims the month of October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- 2) Domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities.
- 3) Domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, and racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California.
- 4) Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States.
- 5) Recognizing the need to understand the complexity of violence perpetuated within communities and against communities, and the fear of many survivors to report domestic violence to law enforcement, is imperative.
- 6) California law enforcement agencies received 160,646 domestic violence-related calls in 2020. There were 87 domestic violence-related homicides in California in 2020, of which 70 of the fatalities were female and 17 were male. 6.7 percent of all homicides in 2020 were domestic violence-related.

- 7) 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.
- 8) All survivors deserve access to culturally responsive programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency. All communities deserve access to culturally responsive prevention programs and initiatives to improve overall community health and safety by challenging the societal norms that perpetuate violence.
- 9) The Legislature recognizes the vital role that all Californians can play in preventing and, one day, ending domestic violence.

This resolution recognizes October 2022, and each following October, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

### **Related/Prior Legislation**

The following are the most recent measures relating to Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

- SCR 54 (Ochoa Bogh, Resolution Chapter 127, Statutes of 2021).
- SCR 76 (Rubio, Resolution Chapter 161, Statutes of 2019).

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 8/1/22)

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (source)

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 8/1/22)

None received

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