

Date of Hearing: August 11, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 118 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced June 30, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities. There is a need to provide education, awareness, and understanding of domestic violence and its causes; and, a need to focus on the individualized needs of domestic violence survivors.
- 2) Approximately 40 percent of women in California experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes. Domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, and racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups.
- 3) The marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.
- 6) October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. 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.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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