AGN. NO._____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Proclaiming October 2026 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and October 14th as "Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day" in Los Angeles County

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in October of 1987,[1] the same month the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline was launched. Throughout the County, organizations mark the month with events to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrate survivors, and unite advocates working to end domestic violence and intimate partner violence. For example, the East Los Angele Women's Center (ELAWC) holds an annual candlelight vigil honoring lives lost to domestic violence, supporting survivors, and inspiring future generations to break the cycle of violence. This year, the Mujeres de Paz 29th Candlelight Vigil will take place on Thursday October 1st at the East Los Angeles College Performing Arts Courtyard.[2]

Additionally, Futures without Violence has declared Wednesday October 14, 2026 as "Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day" (HCADV Day), [3] spotlighting the

[1] https://www.fdu.edu/tcc/national-awareness-observances/october-domestic-violence-awareness/
[2] https://www.elawc.org/calendar
[3] https://futureswithoutviolence.org/initiative/national-health-cares-about-domestic-violence-day/#:~:text=Health%20Cares%20About%20Domestic%20Violence%20Day%20(HCADV%20Day)%20is%20a,the%20second%20Wednesday%20of%20October.

MOTION

Mitchell	_____
Horvath	_____
Hahn	_____
Barger	_____
Solis	_____

Proclaiming October 2026 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and October 14th as "Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day" in Los Angeles County

connection between domestic violence and health and mobilizing healthcare providers and advocates to work together to support survivors and advance prevention efforts. Healthcare providers are uniquely positioned in this fight, more than three quarters of domestic violence survivors talk to their healthcare provider about their experience of abuse, making clinical settings one of the most consistent points of contact survivors have with a potential source of help.[4] Nurses and other clinicians are often the first professionals with an opportunity to identify domestic violence, and roughly half of women seen in emergency departments have a history of partner abuse.

Further, national medical associations and domestic violence advocates encourage routine screening[5] yet only about 9% to 40% of providers currently screen for intimate partner violence, underscoring a significant gap between recommended practice and what is happening in exam rooms.[6] Where interprofessional coordination and documentation are in place, they reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with domestic violence and strengthen the evidentiary record for survivors pursuing legal protections.[7] Closing that screening gap is exactly what HDVADV Day is designed to advance.

Los Angeles County is a partner in this work. Through the Department of Public

---

4 Id.

5 https://providers.bedsider.org/provider-tools/screening-for-intimate-partner-violence/

6 https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC6067906/#R7

7 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK499891/

AGN. NO._____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Proclaiming October 2026 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and October 14th as "Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day" in Los Angeles County

Health's Office of Violence Prevention and Domestic Violence advisory body and the Department of Health Services, the County trains providers,[8] funds survivor services, and works to close the screening gap in clinical settings countywide. Domestic Violence Awareness Month and HCADV Day are opportunities to build on that work and ensure every county resident knows help is available.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim October 2026 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" throughout Los Angeles County.
2. Proclaim October 14, 2026, as "Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day" (HCADV Day).
3. Encourage the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention and Domestic Violence advisory body; the Department of Health Services; and the Los Angeles Chief Executive Office- Countywide Communications to coordinate and work together to:
    a. Uplift Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day;
    b. Uplift the work the County does to prevent and respond to domestic violence and intimate partner violence to all residents and County staff.

# # #

[8] https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CALACOUNTY/bulletins/3f1d332?reqfrom=share

AGN. NO._____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Proclaiming October 2026 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and October 14th as "Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day" in Los Angeles County

HLS:am;jgd