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Resolution

of the City Council

Focus on Family Violence Week October 1-4, 1997

WHEREAS, one out of four homicides and aggravated assaults are committed by one family member against another; in just the first six months of 1997, 2,168 domestic violence cases were reviewed by the Sacramento District Attorney's Office; seven children have died so far this year at the hands of their caretaker; roughly ten percent of all employee absenteeism nationwide is due to spousal abuse, the cost of which is 31 billion dollars a year; and over one million children who are victims of abuse, neglect or sexual molestation each year are usually assaulted by members or close friends of their family; and

WHEREAS, Jan Scully, Sacramento District Attorney, in conjunction with Sheriff Glen Craig, Police Chief Arturo Venegas, Jr., and Probation Chief Verne Speirs convened a roundtable of more than 50 representatives on February 25, 1997, entitled Focus on Family Violence - Call for a Community Response, for the purpose of forming a partnership between law enforcement, business, faith organizations, education, legal and health care providers, neighborhood associations, minority and other community organizations, in order to address the problem of family violence in Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, the consensus of the roundtable was that the best way to protect citizens at risk for family violence would be to identify and strengthen the various communities with which they come into contact, the goal being that victims in need of intervention or protection should be able to find concerned and informed people at places already a part of their daily life; and

WHEREAS, members of the roundtable developed a resource guide to be distributed to members of each of these communities and declared the first week of October 1997 to be "Focus on Family Violence Week" at which leaders in each community will sponsor events to bring this issue to their colleagues; and

WHEREAS, numerous local agencies have become involved to help promote awareness including AT&T, Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the Citizenship and Law-Related Education Center, San Juan Alliance for Excellence; Healthcare Providers' Domestic Violence Network; Sacramento County Bar Association, Women Lawyers of Sacramento, Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, Sacramento Area Churches Together, Interfaith Service Bureau, KXTV Channel 10, and The Sacramento Bee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby commend these community leaders for recognizing the value of partnerships in combating family violence in Sacramento and do hereby proclaim October 1-4, 1997 as *Focus on Family Violence Week*, and encourage the residents of Sacramento to participate in the many planned activities.

ISSUED: This 30th Day of September, 1997.

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