



# *Proclamation*

*of the Mayor*  
*of the City of Los Altos, California*

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 3 women worldwide will be severely beaten or raped during her lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, acts of violence towards women produce more death, disability, mutilation than cancer, malaria and traffic accidents combined; and

**WHEREAS**, children growing up in a home with an abusive family member are more at risk of developing life-threatening, chronic health issues, and becoming abusers or victims of abuse themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, coercive control is a form of domestic violence and a pattern of threatening, isolating and controlling behavior ranging from emotional and financial abuse to strangulation; and

**WHEREAS**, coercive control legislation as of January 2021, has passed into law in California Family Court as part of FC 6320; and

**WHEREAS**, coercive control poses a lethality risk, transcends economic, professional, racial, religious and cultural boundaries and impinges on every citizen's fundamental human right to be free and safe in their own home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Altos City Council and the Los Altos Police Department in partnership with 501 (c) 3 Women of Silicon Valley or WomenSV all support the right of every man, woman and child to live in peace, safety and freedom in their own home.

**THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Neysa Fligor, and the Los Altos City Council do hereby proclaim October as

## **“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”**

in Los Altos, and recognize the need to offer ongoing support, education, resources and protection to domestic abuse survivors in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the city of Los Altos this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

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Neysa Fligor, MAYOR