WHEREAS, domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality, and is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior; and

WHEREAS, victims of intimate partner violence lose a total of 8 million days of paid work each year nationally, the equivalent of 32,000 full-time jobs, and intimate partner violence is estimated to cost the U.S. economy between $5.8 billion and $12.6 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner and domestic violence accounts for about 20% of all violent crime in California; and

WHEREAS, considering that an impact of the COVID-19 isolation has confined and isolated victims with the perpetrators and that those fleeing abuse may not have a place to get away from abusive partners; and

WHEREAS, research shows that by creating communities where people are connected, supportive and care for one another can reduce incidents of domestic violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohlone Community College Board of Trustees do hereby proclaim October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and as such urge all members of the college community to continually raise awareness to this issue, and where possible become involved in efforts to prevent and respond to domestic violence and recognize the impact of domestic violence in our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of October, 2021.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Ohlone Community College District
County of Alameda, State of California