

WWV Proclamation for Policymakers

A Proclamation by the [list municipality] of ###
JOINT [LEGISLATIVE, COUNCIL, CITY] RESOLUTION

TEMPLATE: Week Without Violence Proclamation

WHEREAS, women and girls often face interlocking and compounding social barriers such as racism, sexism, and gender-based violence, which impact their ability to access full lives; and

WHEREAS, violence against women impacts the lives of countless women and their families across the United States, with one in four women experiencing domestic violence and more than three women murdered each day by their current or former partner in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, every 90 seconds, another American is sexually assaulted, and, out of every 100 cases of rape, only 57 lead to arrest, 11 are referred to prosecutors, and seven lead to a felony conviction; and

WHEREAS, financial abuse is experienced in up to 99% of domestic violence cases and occurs across all socio-economic, educational, racial and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, immigrant women, women of color, women with disabilities, and LGBTQ communities face heightened risks of violence and greater barriers to legal remedies and supportive services due to factors such as limited English proficiency and language barriers, fear of deportation, limited access to higher education and job resources, higher risks of poverty and limited resources for access to support and affordable child care;

WHEREAS, one of every four homeless women is homeless because of violence committed against her, and over 92% of homeless mothers have experienced severe physical and/or sexual abuse during their lifetime

WHEREAS, the community of [insert city/state] will work to end the epidemic of gender-based violence and support families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [insert name], serving as [insert title] of [insert city/state], do hereby proclaim **the third week of October** as the annual observance of **YWCA Week Without Violence**.

Signed this __ day of , 2020.