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The Honorable Susan Rubio
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 90 (RUBIO) SUPPORT

Dear Senator Rubio:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 90 which recognizes October 2023, and each following October, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

According to Center for Disease Control, approximately 41% of women and 26% of men nationally have been the victim of intimate partner violence during their lifetime. About 1 in 3 women and 1 and 4 men report having experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a significant public health issue that has significant individual and societal costs. Data from U.S. crime reports suggest that about 1 in 5 homicide victims are killed by an intimate partner. The reports also found that over half of female homicide victims in the United States are killed by a current or former male intimate partner.

There are many other negative health related outcomes associated with IPV, including severe mental health problems such as depression and PTSD, cardiovascular disease, reproductive health problems, and drug and alcohol addiction.

In addition to the negative personal consequences of IPV, there is also a tremendous negative societal impact as well. According to the CDC, the lifetime economic cost associated with medical services for IPV-related injuries, lost productivity from paid work, criminal justice and other costs, is \$3.6 trillion. The estimated domestic violence cost over a female victim's lifetime is \$103,767 and \$23,414 for a male victim.

Intimate partner violence is preventable. There are a number of factors that may increase or decrease the risk of perpetrating and experiencing IPV. To prevent intimate

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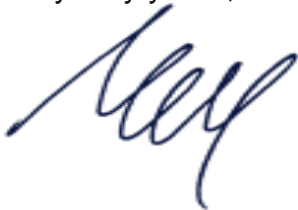
partner violence, we must understand and address the factors that put people at risk for or protect them from violence. Promoting healthy, respectful, and nonviolent relationships and communities can help reduce the occurrence of IPV. It also can prevent the harmful and long-lasting effects of IPV on individuals, families, and communities.

One of the keys to reducing the level of IPV in our communities is to recognize the vital role that all Californians can play in reducing IPV.

Community education and involvement is essential to achieve our goal of one day ending IPV. This is why our Office is pleased to support your efforts to increase awareness and involvement in this important public safety and public health problem.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gascón", written in a cursive style.

GEORGE GASCÓN
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