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H.C.R. No. 15

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Domestic violence inflicts a heavy toll of physical,  
2 emotional, and psychological damage in our communities, and the  
3 observance of Domestic Violence Survivors' Day serves as an  
4 opportunity to show support for those who are rebuilding their  
5 lives after suffering abuse; and

6           WHEREAS, According to a survey published by the Centers for  
7 Disease Control and Prevention, one in every four women and one in  
8 every nine men have experienced some form of severe domestic  
9 violence, including physical violence, sexual violence, or  
10 stalking, and such incidents account for 15 percent of all violent  
11 crime; moreover, domestic violence is linked to higher rates of  
12 depression and suicidal behavior; and

13           WHEREAS, Domestic abuse can go beyond physical assault to  
14 encompass psychological, emotional, and sexual abuse; the CDC  
15 survey found that nearly half of all adults in the United States  
16 have experienced psychologically aggressive behavior by an  
17 intimate partner, and abusive and controlling behaviors often  
18 escalate over time; and

19           WHEREAS, The effort to focus greater public attention on this  
20 urgent health care issue has extended over several decades; the  
21 National Coalition Against Domestic Violence held the initial Day  
22 of Unity observance in October 1981, and the scope of the event  
23 expanded in the years that followed; Domestic Violence Awareness  
24 Month was first recognized in October 1987, and that same year the

1 first national toll-free hotline for victims of domestic violence  
2 was established; Congress officially designated the month in 1989;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, These observances help to unite advocates in their  
5 efforts to end domestic violence and to educate the public and  
6 policymakers about its prevalence and its devastating impact;  
7 perhaps most importantly, the events serve as a means to tell the  
8 stories of those who have experienced abuse, to share the inspiring  
9 narratives of survivors, and to provide support to those who are in  
10 the process of healing; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
12 1st Called Session, hereby designate the third Monday in October as  
13 Domestic Violence Survivors' Day; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
15 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
16 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
17 passed by the legislature.