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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 17, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Esperanza Colio Warren, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Raul Ureña, Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico in Support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2022

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution in Support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2022.

Background:

Local reporter and filmmaker Roy Dorantes has mobilized actors to donate their time to a binational film to raise awareness about human trafficking and domestic violence in our region. The economic and cultural dynamics of California's borderlands with Mexico play an influential role in sustaining the horrifying trends of human trafficking, modern-day sexual slavery and domestic violence across the state and the nation.

Discussion

Endorsement of the development of local binational film Ni Una Mas (Not One More) developed by local artists with the official support of the governments on both sides of the border establishes the City of Calexico's support of this film. The City of Calexico wishes to reach out to all cities and the County of Imperial to support and join in accommodating venues for viewing the film during the month of October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Attachment:

1. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico in Support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2022.
2. Draft Letter to Mayors and County Officials.



RESOLUTION NO. 2022- _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER 2022

WHEREAS, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence takes many forms, the identities of its victims are diverse and not limited to any one gender or age group; and

WHEREAS, Imperial County suffers high indices of human trafficking, modern-day sex slavery, and domestic violence motivated by the cultural and economic dynamics present in the border region that influence the nature of these injustices to the north; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking and sex slavery are often deceived by false promises of a better life in high-income countries like the United States and thereafter exploited due to their lack of legal immigration status; and

WHEREAS, some victims of domestic violence similarly enter the country through marriage and are thereafter exploited and abused by their spouses in exchange for their legal status; and

WHEREAS, experiences of human trafficking, sex slavery and domestic violence are often prolonged by lack of financial independence, homelessness or the threat thereof; and

WHEREAS, gender-based violence is unacceptable and it is the responsibility of all governments to take strong, contextualized and cohesive approaches to these issues across our diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, our sister city, Mexicali’s municipal government has supported this film in its official capacity alongside the DIF of Baja California to raise awareness for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month to make this a binational effort; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence, sex slavery, and human trafficking disproportionately affect groups that are already vulnerable and marginalized by injustices intersectional in nature; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence, sex slavery and human trafficking trends threaten the lives of children across the country and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, City of Calexico recognizes the noble efforts of local filmmaker Roy Dorantes and team in their production of *Ni Una Mas*, a local binational film to raise awareness and unite governments to coordinated action on the devastating trends of domestic violence, human trafficking and sex slavery;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City of Calexico calls upon our sister cities and counties to support this film as it makes its October 2022 Domestic Violence Awareness Tour across California and Arizona communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature and Official Seal of the City of Calexico on this the 17th day of August, 2022.

Javier Moreno, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL) ss.
CITY OF CALEXICO)

I, Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Calexico do hereby certify the above Resolution No. 2022-_____ was approved at a regular City Council meeting held on the 17th day of August, 2022, by the following vote to wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk



City of Calexico

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Honorable Mayors and County Officials,

Receive this letter with attached municipal resolution endorsing the development of local binational film *Ni Una Mas* (Not One More) developed by local artists with the official support of the governments on both sides of the border. Local reporter and filmmaker Roy Dorantes has mobilized actors to donate their time to a binational film to raise awareness about human trafficking and domestic violence in our regions. The economic and cultural dynamics of California's borderlands with Mexico play an influential role in sustaining the horrifying trends of human trafficking, modern-day sexual slavery and domestic violence across the state and the nation.

United, we can raise awareness to rebuke and halt all forms of gender based, intersectional violence disproportionately affecting already marginalized communities the hardest.

The City of Calexico appreciates your support of this film, and your willingness to accommodate venues for viewing during the month of October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Sincerely,

CITY OF CALEXICO

Javier Moreno
Mayor