

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2018 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence survey conducted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 52.2 million women experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in four women report experiencing physical violence by an intimate partner and 45 percent of women killed in the United States die at the hands of an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, vulnerable populations continue to face barriers to receiving services, and many undocumented immigrants are reluctant to report these crimes because of fear of deportation; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress is H.R. 1585 (Bass), the "Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019," which would reauthorize grant programs under the Violence Against Women Act as well as expand critical protections for vulnerable populations such as youth, Native American women, LGBTQ persons, and survivors who lack shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Act was first enacted in 1994 and signed into law by President Bill Clinton in response to the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence, and the significant impact of such violence on the lives of women; and

WHEREAS, the law has since been reauthorized four times with the last being the 2013 Act which expired on, February 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Violence against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 was approved by the House in April 2019 and currently awaits Senate approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 1585 (Bass), the "Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019," which would reauthorize the expired Violence Against Women Act and make various improvements to the Act to meet the varied and changing needs of survivors.

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