

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is violent or aggressive behavior, typically within the home, involving the abuse of a member of one's immediate family; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence poisons relationships, destroys lives, and shatters the bedrock of our society – the family. Homes should be places of comfort and stability where love and mutual respect thrive. Domestic violence erodes this environment, leaving many in potentially life-threatening situations; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects everyone regardless of income, race, gender or socioeconomic status. Still, women make up a disproportionately higher number of victims of domestic violence, with nearly half of female homicide victims being killed by a current or former male partner; and

WHEREAS, Ormond Beach, Florida, is a vibrant city home to over 44,000 residents and host to over five million guests who have the right to hope, freedom, economic security, safety and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we commit ourselves to ending this unconscionable cycle of abuse in our city. Every day in Ormond Beach individuals and organizations play a part in supporting people impacted by domestic violence, providing services that include therapy, legal, education, housing, advocacy and medical services. We commend the heroes who courageously answer the call for help time and time again; and

WHEREAS, this month we do not simply reflect on this unacceptable atrocity. We offer our compassion, respect, support and protection to the victims and survivors, while reaffirming our commitment to holding their perpetrators accountable and offering hope to those who currently reside in volatile and unsafe living conditions. We strengthen our resolve to ensure homes are places of refuge, comfort and protection – not places of fear and abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim October 2021, as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge its' residents, agencies, and champions to support efforts that prevent and end domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 5th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.



BILL PARTINGTON

Mayor