

WHEREAS, the residents of Coconut Creek are the City's most precious resource, and ensuring their safety, well-being, and positive development is a priority and a responsibility that we all share; and

WHEREAS, domestic/intimate partner violence affects numerous individuals regardless of age, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious belief, socio-economic status, and/or race; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and intimate partner violence can have life-long consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, spiritually, and physically; violence harms the core of human spirit and jeopardizes the future wellbeing of our communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, there were 106,736 reported domestic violence offenses in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, there was a 30.9% increase of reported cases relating to domestic violence aggravated stalking and a 116.9% increase of reported cases relating to domestic violence simple stalking in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, we share a moral duty to identify, address, and stop intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, National Domestic Violence Awareness month brings attention to the significant impact this crime has on everyone; and

WHEREAS, we encourage domestic violence victims and survivors to seek assistance from appropriate victim service organizations such as Coconut Creek Police Department's Victim Services Unit, Women in Distress of Broward County, and the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of October 2021, as

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Coconut Creek and encourages everyone to support and participate in events and activities that focus attention on the problem of domestic violence and what can be done to help its victims within our community and put an end to domestic violence.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 14th day of October 2021.**