

**WHEREAS**, domestic/intimate partner violence effects 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 lifelong consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, spiritually, and physically; violence harms the core of the human spirit and jeopardizes the future wellbeing of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, there were 254 reported domestic violence offenses in the City of Coconut Creek, a 3.3% increase from 2020; 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 the 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 2022, as

***"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"***

in the City of Coconut Creek, reaffirming this City's commitment to encourage 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 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.**