

WHEREAS, domestic violence is one of the most wide-spread problems in our society which affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic groups and can have a huge range of consequences if it is not dealt with and, in some cases, has even led to death; and

WHEREAS, ramifications of domestic violence are staggering, and the tragedy of domestic violence touches all our lives by weakening families, leaving emotional scars as devastating as physical ones, and creating a destructive cycle of violence where those who were abused as children may become abusers themselves; and

WHEREAS, although great strides have been taken to educate people about domestic violence, an average of three women die each day in America; one in four women and one in thirteen men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and domestic violence still often goes unreported; and

WHEREAS, we are asking everyone to play an active role in preventing and ending domestic violence by stepping up to stop or report violence when they see it and committing to making sure that no one suffers alone; and

WHEREAS, *Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc.* is the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full-service domestic violence center serving Broward County through a 24-hour Crisis Intervention Hotline and emergency shelter, as well as offering counseling and support for victims and their children; and

WHEREAS, we call on the residents of the City of Coconut Creek to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims October 2016 as

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Coconut Creek and encourages victims, their loved ones, and concerned citizens to help raise awareness of this serious issue.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 13th day of October 2016.**