

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Coconut Creek are this 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**, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the exposure of young children to such violence is occurring at an alarming rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect suggests that domestic violence may be the single major precursor to child abuse and fatalities in this country; 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**, by providing individuals with education about healthy relationships, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we work to stop domestic violence for Coconut Creek residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims October 2017, as

***“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”***

in the City of Coconut Creek and urges all residents to respond to and work toward ending domestic violence by supporting their communities' efforts to empower and assist victims in finding and accessing the resources they need, and by promoting awareness and prevention of domestic violence in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of  
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 12th day of October 2017.**