

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 well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, there were 286 reported domestic violence offenses in the City of Coconut Creek, a 12.6% increase from 2021; 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 October 2023, 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 26th day of October 2023.**