Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

In Recognition of
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
October 2016

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 to commit 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 Fort Lauderdale 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, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **October 2016** as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and encourage victims, their loved ones and concerned citizens to help raise awareness of this serious issue.

DATED this, the 18th day of October 2016.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

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