

Proclamation



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: by providing individuals with education about healthy relationships, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we work to stop domestic violence for Pompano Beach residents; 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 – 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: the residents of Pompano Beach 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida hereby join the City Commission in proclaiming the month of October 2016 as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Pompano Beach and urge all 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.

DONE this 10th day of October 2016.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lamar Fisher".

LAMAR FISHER
MAYOR