

City of Stuart

Sailfish Capital of the World



PROCLAMATION DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2021

- WHEREAS,** domestic violence transcends all ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic boundaries. Its perpetrators abuse their victims physically, mentally, emotionally, and economically and the effects of their attacks are far-reaching, weakening the very core of our county; and
- WHEREAS,** domestic violence is particularly devastating because it so often occurs in the privacy of the home, a place meant to represent shelter and security. Because domestic violence usually takes place in private, many Americans may not realize how widespread it is right here in our own county. The cost of domestic violence to Martin County has been estimated at over \$14.6 Million per year; and
- WHEREAS,** during the month of October, Americans should contemplate the scars that domestic violence leaves on our society and what each of us can do to prevent it. Our prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and victim advocates have worked together with SafeSpace to reduce domestic violence in our county and assist victims and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** each year in the United States, more than 10 million women and men experience physical abuse by their intimate partners. Many of these victims experience repeated abuse over the course of a year. As unsettling as these statistics are, it is also disturbing to realize that 90% of children of domestic violence victims are eyewitnesses to these attacks, and that domestic violence may be the single major precursor to fatalities from child abuse and neglect in the U.S; and
- WHEREAS,** through education, awareness, and enforcement of the law, we are striving to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault. Public action awareness will create a society that promotes strong values, fosters a safe and loving home environment for every family, and refuses to tolerate domestic violence in any form.

NOW THEREFORE, I, EULA R. CLARKE, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Stuart, Florida and urges all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by SafeSpace, Inc. and work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against adults and children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart to be affixed this 11th day of October, 2021.

ATTEST:



EULA R. CLARKE
MAYOR

