

**IN RECOGNITION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

OCTOBER 2017

- WHEREAS:** THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD ARE THE 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; AND
- WHEREAS:** WOMEN IN DISTRESS ALSO OFFERS 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 ARE WORKING TO STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR HOLLYWOOD RESIDENTS; NOW
- THEREFORE:** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2017, AS:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, AND URGE ALL RESIDENTS TO HELP END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO EMPOWER AND ASSIST VICTIMS IN ACCESSING THE RESOURCES THEY NEED, AND BY PROMOTING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

SIGNED THIS 18TH DAY OF
OCTOBER 2017, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER DEBRA CASE
COMMISSIONER RICHARD BLATTNER
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER LINDA SHERWOOD