

IN RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2015

- WHEREAS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A TRAGEDY THAT CUTS ACROSS ALL SOCIAL, ETHNIC AND RACIAL LINES; IT WEAKENS FAMILIES, LEAVES EMOTIONAL SCARS AS DEVASTATING AS THE PHYSICAL ONES, AND CREATES A DESTRUCTIVE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE IN WHICH THOSE WHO ARE ABUSED AS CHILDREN MAY BECOME ABUSERS THEMSELVES; AND
- WHEREAS: THE RESIDENTS OF HOLLYWOOD ARE THE CITY'S MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE AND ENSURING THEIR SAFETY, WELL-BEING AND POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT IS A PRIORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE ALL SHARE; AND
- WHEREAS: ONE IN THREE WOMEN AND ONE IN FOUR MEN HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER WITHIN THEIR LIFETIME; AND
- WHEREAS: TWO HUNDRED AND TWO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ABUSE SURVIVORS FROM THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD WERE SERVED BY WOMEN IN DISTRESS DURING THE LAST FISCAL YEAR; AND
- WHEREAS: THE EXPOSURE OF YOUNG CHILDREN TO SUCH VIOLENCE IS OCCURRING AT AN ALARMING RATE, AND THE U.S. ADVISORY BOARD ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT SUGGESTS THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY BE A MAJOR PRECURSOR TO CHILD ABUSE AND FATALITIES IN THIS COUNTRY; AND
- WHEREAS: IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF ABUSE ON THEM, AS WELL AS TO EMPHASIZE AND EMPATHIZE WITH THE PLIGHT OF THOSE WHO ARE ABUSED; AND
- WHEREAS: BY PROVIDING INDIVIDUALS WITH EDUCATION ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, AND BY CHANGING ATTITUDES THAT SUPPORT VIOLENCE, WE WORK TO STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR HOLLYWOOD RESIDENTS; NOW
- THEREFORE: PETER BOBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2015 AS:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

IN HOLLYWOOD, AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO WORK TOWARD ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY SUPPORTING THEIR COMMUNITIES' EFFORTS TO EMPOWER AND ASSIST VICTIMS IN FINDING AND ACCESSING THE RESOURCES THEY NEED.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2015, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR PETER BOBER
VICE MAYOR KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER PATRICIA ASSEFF
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER RICHARD BLATTNER
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