

WHEREAS, domestic violence continues to be a major social crisis and health care concern in our society and in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the physical and emotional scars of domestic violence casts a long shadow on too many individuals who face the pain and fear of domestic violence regardless of race, age, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Florida reported more than 105,640 incidents of domestic violence in 2016, including 179 homicides and 14 manslaughters that resulted in the death of 31 children; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County reported 4,921 domestic violence crimes in 2016, including six homicides and one manslaughter; and

WHEREAS, exposure to domestic violence in the home is considered child abuse, and 44 percent of child abuse victims in Palm Beach County are under the age of 5, upon whom the effects are lifelong; and

WHEREAS, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. coordinates a community-based response through advocacy, education, and prevention with the goal of reducing the impact of domestic violence on families; and

WHEREAS, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. is hosting their 18th Annual Race for Hope on October 15, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. and appreciates the support of Delray Beach in recognizing local Hometown Heroes; and

WHEREAS, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. is honoring Delray Beach Police Department for their outstanding commitment to ending domestic violence by holding perpetrators accountable at AVDA's 11th Annual Heart of a Woman Luncheon at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Boca Raton on February 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach recognizes the vital importance of designating a time devoted to increasing the general public's awareness to hold forth a vision of a community free from domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cary D. Glickstein, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of October in Delray Beach, as:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 17th day of October, 2017.

CARY D. GLICKSTEIN
MAYOR