

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE
CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH
RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024 AS
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings. Tragically, for many Americans, their home is tarnished by violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, family violence is a crime that transcends race, religion, ethnicity and economic stature with one of its greatest tragedies being its effect on our children; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 4.8 million cases of domestic violence occur each year tragically killing an average of three women every day nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Family Life Center, the only certified domestic violence emergency shelter and rape crisis center in Flagler County, provided over 6,998 hours of services to victims in the past year; and

WHEREAS, each October, the formal recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month allows the community to acknowledge and show their support for the victims of this horrific crime; and

WHEREAS, Family Life Center, the Flagler County Advocates Alliance and the Flagler County Domestic Violence Task Force membership are committed to confront this crisis and are working together to increase public understanding of this problem and mobilize community efforts to end domestic violence in Flagler County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH that they hereby declare the month of **October 2024** as “**National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**” in Flagler Beach and urge all citizens of Flagler Beach to become a part of the community response to end domestic violence and to send the message that this crime will not be tolerated in our community. As we spread awareness of domestic violence in our community during the month of October, we recognize that it takes an entire community to stand together and make a difference. Together we can break the cycle and impact the lives of future generations.

Adopted this 10th day of October 2024.

Patti King, Mayor