



Town of Highland Beach, Florida

Proclamation

Declaring the Month of October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts millions of people each year and continues to be a major social crisis and health care concern in our country, state and county, and;

WHEREAS, regardless of race, age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status or citizenship, victims receive the empathy and compassion they need to heal and equitable access to medical and legal services, counseling, safe housing and supportive services, and those who choose to cause harm should be held accountable for their actions and provided opportunities for rehabilitation, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland Beach recognizes the vital importance of reducing domestic violence through prevention and education; and

WHEREAS, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. (AVDA) facilitates prevention programming in line with the CDC's recommendations to prevent domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the social changes needed to prevent domestic violence are created through education, community engagement and accountability, and institutional change throughout communities; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Coordinated Community Response Team builds key partnerships among justice agencies, health providers, allied professionals, domestic violence centers and victim services to assist victims and their families and to hold offenders accountable, and;

WHEREAS, in supporting victims of domestic violence, the Town of Highland Beach joins local programs, state coalitions and national organizations committed to sending a clear message that domestic violence will not be tolerated.

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland 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 NATASHA MOORE, MAYOR of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, on behalf of Town Commission do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 as:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida to be affixed this 1st day of October, 2024.

NATASHA MOORE
MAYOR