

## PROCLAMATION DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that one partner uses to gain or maintain power and control over their intimate partner; and

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic abuse are not confined to any one group of people but affect people across all economic statuses, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, cultures, and societies; and

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting women, children, men, and society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, Hope Villages of America has provided support, safety, and advocacy to domestic violence survivors and their children throughout Pinellas County for over 50 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, James "Jim" Rostek, Mayor of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2023 to be

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in the City of Madeira Beach, I urge residents to actively participate in the activities and programs that Hope Villages of America sponsored to work toward eliminating violence.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I, have set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Madeira Beach, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.



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James "Jim" Rostek, Mayor