

# Proclamation

## RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2023, AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

*Whereas*, each day in America, four women are murdered by their intimate partners; and

*Whereas*, each day in America, an average of twenty people every minute are abused by their intimate partners; and

*Whereas*, one-in-three American women and one-in-four men have experienced some form of intimate partner violence during their lifetime; and

*Whereas*, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides all Americans the opportunity to recommit to ensuring that every relationship be violence-free; and

*Whereas*, in Indian River County, SafeSpace, Incorporated, joins forces with law enforcement, victim service programs, criminal justice officials, social service organizations, and concerned citizens to fight domestic violence and provide all domestic violence victims a safe place where they can live with respect, resources, restoration, and justice; together, their commitment and compassion help to ensure that our community steps forward to support domestic violence victims in need.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, that the Board recognizes the month of October, 2023, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; advocates for relationships rooted in trust, respect, and equality; and expresses our sincere appreciation for those committed to promoting peace and preventing domestic violence in our community.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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