



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; and

**WHEREAS,** Children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Margate City Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of October as:

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Michael Becker  
Mayor

Daniel Campbell  
Commissioner

Attest: [Signature]  
Municipal Clerk

Mary Blumberg  
Commissioner