



PROCLAMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of physical violence; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence can include physical, sexual, emotional or economic abuse and does not discriminate based on gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that children are adversely affected when they witness or experience domestic violence in their homes and often suffer abuse or neglect at high rates; and

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

WHEREAS, Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA) has provided support, safety, and advocacy to domestic violence survivors and their children for over 35 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that the month of October 2016 be recognized as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and we urge residents to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by CASA to work toward the elimination of domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida to be affixed this 11th day of October, 2016.

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Charlie Justice, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Dave Eggers in blue ink.

Dave Eggers, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Pat Gerard in blue ink.

Pat Gerard, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Janet C. Long in blue ink.

Janet C. Long, Vice Chairman

Handwritten signature of John Morroni in blue ink.

John Morroni, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Karen Williams Seel in blue ink.

Karen Williams Seel, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Kenneth T. Welch in blue ink.

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