

WHEREAS, *one in every four women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime; and*

WHEREAS, *victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law; and*

WHEREAS, *fleeing domestic violence has caused women and children to be the fastest growing homeless population; and*

WHEREAS, *powerful partnerships exist locally between the City of Orlando Police Department, Harbor House of Central Florida, the State of Florida Department of Children and Families, the Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families and the Victim Service Center of Central Florida; and*

WHEREAS, *the President of the United States and Congress as well as other federal agencies have expressed a commitment to eliminating domestic violence both nationally and internationally; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim October 2015 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the City of Orlando in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs and victims' service providers, and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by Harbor House of Central Florida, the Orange County Domestic Violence Task Force and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women and girls.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 1st day of October 2015.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Buddy Dyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Buddy" and last name "Dyer" clearly distinguishable.