

National Stalking Awareness Month - January 2015

WHEREAS, under the laws of all fifty states, the U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, and federal government, stalking is a crime;

WHEREAS, 7.5 million people were stalked in one year in the United States, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know;

WHEREAS, 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner had been stalked by that intimate partner;

WHEREAS, many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population;

WHEREAS, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

WHEREAS, communities can better combat stalking by adopting multidisciplinary responses by teams of local agencies and organizations and by providing more and better victim services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando Police Department is joining forces with victim service providers including the Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Harbor House of Central Florida, University of Central Florida Victim Services and the Alliance to End Stalking, throughout the City of Orlando and the United States to observe National Stalking Awareness Month and to promote the 2015 theme, "Stalking: Know it, Name it, Stop it."

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

January 2015 as STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of Orlando and applaud the efforts of the many victim service providers, police officers, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking.

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