

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

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

WHEREAS, *three in four women killed by an intimate partner have been stalked by that intimate partner; and*

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; and*

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

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 to observe National Stalking Awareness Month and to promote the 2016 theme, "Stalking: Know it, Name it, Stop it;"*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim January 2016 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.

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 January 2016.