

National Stalking Awareness Month - January 2017

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 had 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, the City of Orlando Police Department has joined forces with victim service providers including the Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Harbor House of Central Florida, University of Central Florida Victim Services, the State of Florida Department of Children and Families and the Alliance to End Stalking and all of the partners in the Orange County Domestic Violence Task Force to observe National Stalking Awareness Month and to promote all efforts to increase awareness, victim safety and protective factors and offender accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim January 2017 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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