

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is one of the most wide-spread problems in our society which affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic and economic groups and can have a huge range of consequences if it is not dealt with and in some cases has even led to death; and

**WHEREAS**, ramifications of domestic violence are staggering and the tragedy of domestic violence touches all our lives by weakening families, leaving emotional scars as devastating as physical ones and creating a destructive cycle of violence where those who were abused as children may become abusers themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, although great strides have been taken to educate people about domestic violence an average of three women die each day in America; one in four women and one in thirteen men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime, and domestic violence still often goes unreported; and

**WHEREAS**, we are asking everyone to play an active role in preventing and ending domestic violence by stepping up to stop or report violence when they see it and to commit to making sure that no one suffers alone; and

**WHEREAS**, Women in Distress of Broward County, Inc. is the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence center, serving Broward County, through a 24-hour Crisis Intervention Hotline and emergency shelter, as well as offering counseling and support for victims and their children; and

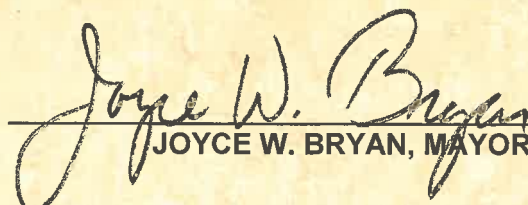
**WHEREAS**, we call on the residents of the City of Margate to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joyce W. Bryan, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016, as

## ***DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH***

in the City of Margate and encourage victims, their loved ones and concerned citizens to help raise awareness of this serious issue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be  
affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

  
JOYCE W. BRYAN, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Joanne Simone, Commissioner Frank B. Talerico