

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, domestic intimate partner violence effects numerous individuals regardless of age, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious belief, socio-economic status, and or race; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the state of Florida passed the Unemployment Compensation Bill, which protects survivors of domestic violence from being disqualified from unemployment benefits if they can demonstrate that they willingly left their job because of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 there were 104,914 reported domestic violence offenses in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 there was a 21% increase of reported homicide cases relating to domestic violence in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, we share a moral duty to identify, address, and stop intimate partner violence; and

**WHEREAS**, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month brings attention to the significant impact this crime has on everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage domestic violence victims and survivors to seek assistance from appropriate victim service organizations such as Margate Police Department's Victim Services Unit, Women in Distress of Broward County, and the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Anthony N. Caggiano, Mayor of the City of Margate, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2019, as

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

In the City of Margate and urge all to respond to and work toward ending domestic violence by supporting their communities' efforts to empower and assist victims in finding and accessing the resources they need, and by promoting awareness and prevention of domestic violence in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be  
affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2019.



---

**ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO, MAYOR**