

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

*WHEREAS, every October, we come together as a community to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month, recognizing the profound impact domestic violence has on individuals, families, and society; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over their intimate partner; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pervasive issue that affects millions, regardless of age, gender, race, or socioeconomic status, and it requires our collective commitment to raise awareness, provide support, and seek justice for victims; and*

*WHEREAS, we honor the strength and resilience of survivors and acknowledge the tireless efforts of organizations and advocates who work to end domestic violence and provide safety and support for those affected; and*

*WHEREAS, Hope Villages of America stands as a beacon of hope in their work against domestic violence, offering critical services, resources, and safe shelter to those in need, and working to educate and empower our community through prevention programs and outreach initiatives; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE WILKINSON, Mayor of the Town of Belleair, Florida, do hereby proclaim October as*

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*in Belleair, and I urge all residents to join in this observance by supporting survivors, advocating for change, and recognizing the vital role of organizations like Hope Villages of America in creating a safer and more just community for all.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the  
TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, this  
4<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2024.*

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***MIKE WILKINSON, MAYOR***