

*STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the residents of Oakland Park are this City's most precious resource and ensuring their safety, well-being and positive development is a priority and a responsibility we all share; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence cases have globally increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, we work to stop domestic violence in Oakland Park by providing residents with education about healthy relationships and changing attitudes toward violence; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice estimates 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year; and

WHEREAS, across the country, families and friends of victims have gathered during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to remember and honor their loved ones who lost their lives at the hands of a person they once loved and trusted.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by the virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter does hereby authorize the Mayor Matthew Sparks to proclaim the month of October as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Oakland Park and urges citizens to support their community's efforts to assist victims in finding and accessing the needed resources to raise awareness and increase prevention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 7th day of October 2020.

By: _____
MATTHEW SPARKS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RENEE M. SHROUT, CITY CLERK