

**PROCLAMATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2019**

- WHEREAS,** domestic violence, also known as intimate partner violence, is a public health issue that impacts individuals, family members, friends, coworkers, schools, and communities; as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, domestic violence occurs when an individual is harmed physically, sexually, or psychologically by a current or former partner or spouse; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2018 Uniform Crime Report from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement documents 104,914 reported domestic violence incidences and 64,573 arrests for domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS,** SafeSpace offers victims of domestic violence safety, support and education, empowering them to create an independent life, free from violence; SafeSpace provides a 60-bed emergency shelter, a supportive living program for individuals in need of longer-term housing, as well as outreach services for those who choose not to enter a shelter but are affected by domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Stuart stands with SafeSpace, our law enforcement officers, victims and other brave individuals who are focused on protecting families and communities from domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity to remember the victims of domestic violence, support efforts to ensure their safety and well-being, and increase awareness to reduce future incidences.

NOW THEREFORE, I, REBECCA S. BRUNER, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as:

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in the City of Stuart, Florida and encourage all citizens to work collectively to prevent domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart to be affixed this 14th day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

REBECCA S. BRUNER
MAYOR