

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all people have the right to live in a safe, accepting, and peaceful environment; and,

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; it consists of psychological, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse to gain and maintain power and control; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that all people thrive more fully in an atmosphere free of fear and violence; however, there exists in our society a system of power, control, and domination which suppresses these rights and perpetrates violence particularly against women and children; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Center for Women and Children (Metro), a non-profit organization in Jefferson Parish, provides free and confidential services to women, children, teens, and male survivors in suburbs, urban, and rural areas of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. John and St. James Parishes; and,

WHEREAS, the Metro helps to enable families to regain their physical and emotional strength with the goal to provide assistance to anyone seeking help and this is accomplished through State, Federal, and Local grant monies as well as tax deductible monetary and material donations; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish commends the Metro for providing services to the survivors of trauma; for when survivors become stronger, the community is strengthened. To break the cycle of violence and aid survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking is the mission of the Metropolitan Center for Women and Children and is accomplished through advocacy, intervention, empowerment, and transformation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY in accordance with the National Domestic Violence Organization guidelines, declare the month of **OCTOBER 2016** as


"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in St. Charles Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, WE, THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, do hereby urge everyone to wear purple ribbons to show support to all victims of violence, and to show support to all law enforcement officers, district attorneys, and judges who dedicate themselves to finding a solution to this growing problem.



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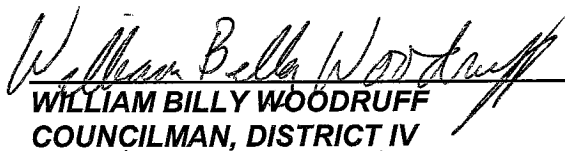
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