

**PROCLAMATION  
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL  
DECLARING OCTOBER 25  
AS HOUSE OF LOVEILLIONAIRES  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence continues to be a major social crisis and health care concern in society that affects everyone in the community and requires us all to put forth every effort to bring it to an end; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to domestic violence in the home is considered child abuse, and has lifelong effects upon children under the age of 4. Domestic Violence Council of Palm Beach County is coordinating a community-based response through advocacy, education, and prevention to reduce the impact of violence on families; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida reported more than 104,914 incidents of domestic violence in 2018 which is lower statewide than incidents reported that previous year. Palm Beach County reported nearly 4,613 domestic violence crimes, including nine homicides, have of the cases had evidence of substance abuse, a third has evidence of medically diagnosed mental health disorders, and 21% listed the perpetrator displayed prior stalking behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County recognizes the vital importance of designating a time devoted to increasing the general public's awareness to hold forth a vision of a community free from domestic violence. This month, we recognize the survivors and victims of abuse whose courage inspires us all. We recommit to offering a helping hand to those most in need, and must remind them that they are not alone; and

**WHEREAS**, as we honor the advocates and victim services providers who offer support during the darkest moments of someone's life, I encourage survivors and their loved ones who are seeking assistance to reach out by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie L. Felder, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, by the power vested in me by the residents of Riviera Beach, do hereby proclaim

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in the City of Riviera Beach. I call on all residents to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 23<sup>th</sup> day of October, Two Thousand Nineteen, A.D.

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RONNIE L. FELDER, MAYOR

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CLAUDENE L. ANTHONY, CMC  
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