

# Proclamation



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**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**, the problems of domestic abuse are not confined to any one group of people but effect people across all economic statuses, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, cultures and societies; and

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting women, children, men, and society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, Hope Villages has provided support, safety, and advocacy to domestic violence survivors and their children throughout Pinellas County for more than 50 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick C. Soranno, Mayor of the Town of Indian Shores, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2023 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Town of Indian Shores and Hope Villages urge all citizens to work toward the elimination of violence.**

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the official Seal of the Town of Indian Shores, of Pinellas County Florida, to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

  
PATRICK C. SORANNO  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
FREDDIE LOZANO, CM  
Town Clerk

