

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, domestic violence transcends all ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic boundaries. Its perpetrators abuse their victims both physically and mentally, and the effects of their attacks are far-reaching -- weakening the very core of our communities; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is particularly devastating because it so often occurs in the privacy of the home, which is meant to be a place of shelter and security, and many citizens may not realize how widespread it is; and*

*WHEREAS, many of our citizens are raped and/or physically assaulted each year by their spouses, partners, or significant others. Children often witness these attacks or are caught in the crossfire, thus becoming victims themselves; and*

*WHEREAS, our prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, shelters, and victim advocates have worked hard to reduce domestic violence in our City, and to assist victims and their families through education, awareness and enforcement; and*

*WHEREAS, community leaders, health care professionals, teachers, employers, friends, and neighbors all play an important role in eradicating domestic violence; and*

*WHEREAS, public action and awareness will create a society that promotes strong values, fosters a safe and loving home environment for every family, and refuses to tolerate domestic violence in any form.*

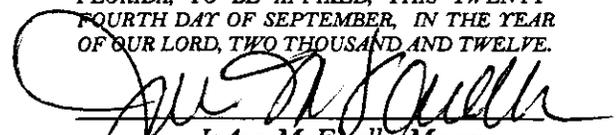
*NOW, THEREFORE, I, JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, do hereby proclaim that the month of October 2012, be observed as*

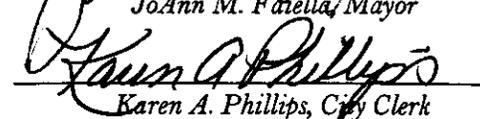
## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

*in the City of Port St. Lucie, and urge everyone in the community to join together to end domestic violence that threatens so many of our citizens and children.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, TO BE AFFIXED, THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE.

  
JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor

  
Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk