

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING  
OCTOBER 2016 AS  
"NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, the New Jersey Legislature found and declared that domestic violence is a serious crime against society; and

**WHEREAS**, in Warren County in 2014 (the most recent statistics available), 1,347 people were arrested as the result of an act of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects people of all ages, races, genders, income levels, and sexual identities; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of domestic violence must deal with the effects of physical injuries, psychological damage, financial barriers, and trouble finding safe housing; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone should be free from violence; and

**WHEREAS**, no one should feel unsafe in their own home; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence will not be eliminated without a concerted effort amongst the community at large.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Robert Klingel, Mayor of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Township of Washington and urge residents to work together to raise awareness of this important issue and support those who have been victimized.

  
Robert Klingel, Mayor