



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of physical violence; and

WHEREAS, CASA is our community's nonprofit agency which serves as the voice for thousands of Pinellas County residents suffering in silence by providing safe refuge, empowerment programs, legal advocacy, and a 24-hour hotline for domestic violence survivors; and

WHEREAS, CASA consults with the Pinellas County Child Protective Investigative Unit and teaches violence-prevention programs to thousands of local children each year; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County saw 11 domestic violence homicides and 6,300 domestic violence offenses reported in 2108 alone; and

WHEREAS, the 10 million children exposed to domestic violence each year are at a significantly higher risk of repeating this violence as victims or perpetrators later in life; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

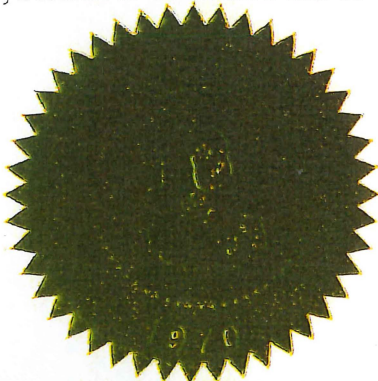
WHEREAS, for over 40 years, CASA has been a platform of strength in the stand against domestic violence.

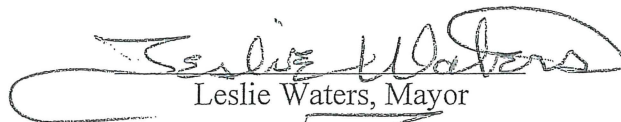
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby Proclaim October 15, 2019 as

"CASA's DAY TO STAND UP TO SILENCE"

in the City and encourage all citizens to actively participate in CASA's Peace Breakfast and other activities sponsored by CASA, because only together can we eliminate domestic violence in all its forms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 15th day of October, 2019.




Leslie Waters, Mayor