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**PROCLAMATION BY THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE**  
**DECLARING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average;

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

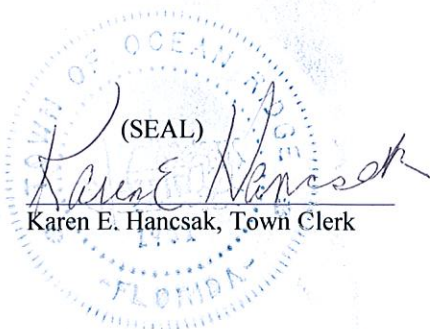
WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

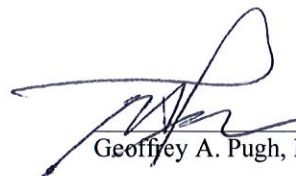
WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Geoffrey a. Pugh, Mayor of the Town of Ocean Ridge, do hereby proclaim October 2014,

**"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Proclamation will be sent to The Emily Fund, Post Office Box 430, Roosevelt, NJ 08555-0430.



  
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Geoffrey A. Pugh, Mayor