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NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

National Stalking Awareness Month
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Whereas, under the laws of all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and federal government, stalking is a crime;

Whereas, 3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States, and nearly 75% of victims are stalked by someone they know;

Whereas, 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner had been stalked by that intimate partner;

Whereas, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

Whereas, many stalkers use increasingly sophisticated devices—such as global positioning systems, cameras, and computer spyware—to track their victims;

Whereas, laws and public policies must be continually adapted to keep pace with new tactics used by stalkers;

Whereas, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. and Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County continue their project to better combat stalking by coordinating a multidisciplinary response of local agencies and organizations and by increasing victim services;

Whereas, the Palm Beach County Anti-Stalking Multidisciplinary Collaborative has released an Anti-Stalking Toolkit and Victim's Right brochure which will assist service providers and victims in coordinating and accessing the most appropriate, effective services for each victim of stalking in Palm Beach County; and