

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

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

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four 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; and

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, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, proclaims the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge the residents of the Township of Rochelle Park to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the Township of Rochelle Park to be affixed on this 19th day of October, 2016.

Mayor Michael Kazimir