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PROCLAMATION

Whereas, domestic violence is a pattern of coercion and control in an interpersonal relationship where one individual uses violence or the threat of violence to gain power and control over the other individual; and

Whereas, domestic violence violates an individual's sense of privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of verbal, physical, emotional, psychological, economic and sexual control and/or abuse; and

Whereas, children who witness domestic violence too often grow up to inflict violence on others or become victims of violence, creating an intergenerational cycle of violence that must be stopped; and

Whereas, the tolerance of and indifference to the signs and issues of domestic violence only serve to continue the prevalence of domestic violence and thwart efforts to end and prevent domestic violence; and

Whereas, the incidence of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people but cuts across all economic, racial and societal barriers; and

Whereas, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly effecting individuals, families, friends, classrooms, businesses, neighborhoods, towns, and society as a whole, across this state and throughout the United States and the world;

Now, therefore, we, the Chilmark Board of Selectmen, do hereby proclaim October as "Domestic Violence Prevention Month" and urge all residents to support the efforts to end and prevent domestic violence within our town and across the Cape and Islands.

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