



## *Town Council of Indian Head*

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, too many individuals—regardless of age, ability, sex, orientation, gender identity, race, or circumstance—face the pain of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 5 million American women each year; and

**WHEREAS**, at least 4.5 million women in the United States report being threatened with a firearm; and nearly 1 million women in the United States report being shot or shot at in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of a firearm in a domestic violence situation makes it five times more likely that a woman will be killed; and

**WHEREAS**, in Maryland, 3,000 women were killed by intimate partners using a gun due between 2010 and 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of American children have witnessed an incident of domestic violence in their home and nearly 40 percent of child homicides occur in the context of intimate partner and family violence; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is a mayor's highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, every family member deserves a peaceful home and only a coordinated community effort with support from our state representatives and senators will put a stop to these heinous crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens and elected officials to work together to prevent domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims;

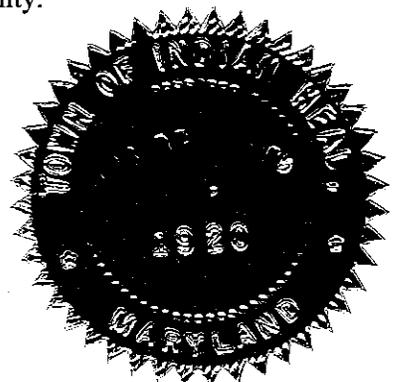
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, in honor of those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, of the survivors of domestic violence, of those who courageously speak out and fight to end the cycle of violence, in recognition of the advocates and organizations who work tirelessly to protect and support survivors and to raise awareness, and in acknowledgement of the urgent need to help protect survivors and prevent future victims and to save lives, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Indian Head does hereby proclaim the month of October as "*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*" and urges all citizens to play a role in the elimination of violence from our community.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017

Brandon Paulin  
Mayor

Ron Sitoula  
Vice Mayor

Curtis Smith  
Councilman



Attest by:

  
Andrea Brady  
Town Clerk