

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 24 THROUGH APRIL 30, 1988
AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, six million women become victims of domestic violence each year; and in half of these incidents, innocent children are battered also; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that only one in ten incidents of domestic violence is reported to the authorities; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan has declared April 17 through April 23, 1988 to be "National Victims' Rights Week"; and

WHEREAS, Retreat House of St. Augustine has declared April 24 through April 30, 1988 to be "Domestic Violence Community Awareness Week"; and

WHEREAS, the public and private sectors of St. Johns County must join together with our government to address the crisis of domestic violence and promote greatly needed services to innocent victims of domestic violence; and

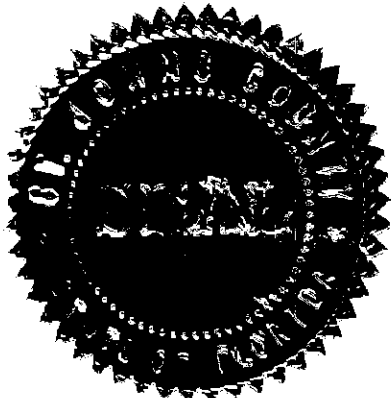
WHEREAS, Retreat House of St. Augustine will provide a safety shelter for abused women and their dependent children to remove them from the immediate danger of physical harm, and also to provide support and counseling services to all members of these families caught in the cycle of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Retreat House of St. Augustine will provide an outstanding service to St. Johns County by sponsoring greatly needed programs to empower citizens who have been traumatized by domestic violence;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Retreat House of St. Augustine be commended during April 24 through April 30, 1988 and throughout the year for endeavoring to provide services to victims of domestic violence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitably prepared copy of this proclamation be presented during Domestic Violence Community Awareness Week to Retreat House of St. Augustine.

ADOPTED this 26th day of April, 1988 by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.



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