Resolution No. 244-2018

WHEREAS, beginning October 1981, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence held the "Day of Unity," with the intent to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children; and

WHEREAS, activities conducted at the local, state and national level evolved from the "Day of Unity" with common themes including mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived and connecting those who work to end violence; and

WHEREAS, on average, twenty people per minute are abused by an intimate partner in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than one in three women and one in four men will fall victim to domestic violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, women between the ages of 18 and 24 are most likely to be victimized by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence has been linked with negative physical, mental and reproductive health effects; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Justice, only about half of domestic violence victims report their cases to the authorities, and one-third of victims received medical care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey proclaims October 2018 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Burlington County to increase awareness of the dangers and issues associated with domestic violence.

Ila Marie Lollar, President

Common Council

Attest:

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC

City Clerk

October 2, 2018