

## PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread and last year, Women Helping Battered Women assisted over 4,500 people, adults and children, who were affected by domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, children who grow up witnessing domestic violence may mistakenly learn that violence is an effective way to resolve conflicts and problems and may replicate the violence they witnessed as children in their teen and adult relationships and parenting experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police, court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

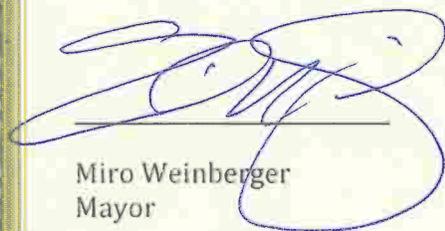
**WHEREAS**, we must all come together as a community to address domestic violence as a crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for Burlingtonians 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**, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim October 2015 to be

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Burlington and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we commend the important efforts of Women Helping Battered Women and applaud them for their impactful work in our community.



Miro Weinberger  
Mayor

