



Proclamation #16-108

To Support the Family Justice Center Horry County Safe House

WHEREAS, South Carolina has the highest rate of criminal domestic violence of any state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during the year 2015, there were 7,674 incidents of criminal domestic violence in Horry and Georgetown Counties, of which 158 of those incidents were in the Town of Surfside Beach, and 6,338 were in Horry County; and

WHEREAS, the Family Justice Center, a nonprofit domestic violence agency located in Georgetown County that wishes to expand to Horry County and provide a safe house for criminal domestic violence victims; and

WHEREAS, the Family Justice Center provides *free* crisis intervention, counseling, case management, and court advocacy in addition to other services for criminal domestic violence victims; and

WHEREAS, the Family Justice Center anticipates serving at least 500 to 600 victims annually, including women, men, and children; and

WHEREAS, the Family Justice Center has opened a community services office, which was donated by a caring individual, on April 30, 2016 located at 1339 Apache Way in Myrtle Beach; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a lethal and dangerous issue throughout the State, Horry County, and the Town of Surfside Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that I, Robert F. Childs, Mayor of the Town of Surfside Beach hereby proclaim that the Town of Surfside Beach fully supports the Family Justice Center and its efforts to provide a safe house for criminal domestic violence victims along with associated services.

BE IT SO PROCLAIMED this 13th day of May 2016.

s/

The Hon. Robert F. Childs
Mayor, Town of Surfside Beach

Attest: s/

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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