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WHEREAS, this summer the United Nations Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women reported that "violence against women is the most pervasive human rights violation which continues to challenge every country in the world," and urged government to initiate local and national dialogues and reassess existing mechanisms for protecting domestic violence victims and for punishing abusers; and,

WHEREAS, world leaders and leaders within the United States recognize that domestic violence is a human rights concern; and police and sheriff departments, courts, counties, cities, social service agencies, and other local governing entities constitute the first line of defense against domestic violence; and,

WHEREAS, by recognizing that domestic violence is a human rights violation, the Village of Biscayne Park will join Miami Dade County and other government agencies to raise awareness and enhance domestic violence education in our communities, in the public and private sectors, and within governmental agencies,

WHEREAS, the Village Commission desires to approve this resolution to support the United Nations action against domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

Section 2. This Commission joins world leaders and leaders within the United States in recognition of domestic violence as a human rights concern and declares that freedom from domestic violence is a fundamental human right.

Section 3. This Resolution shall serve as a declaration to assure the citizens of the Village that state, county and local governments bear a moral responsibility to secure this human right on behalf its residents.

Section 4. This Resolution shall serve as a challenge to other local government agencies to incorporate these principles into their policies and practices.

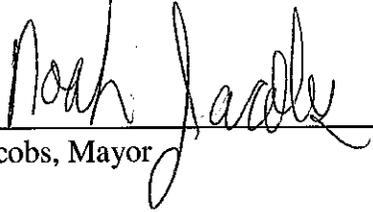
Section 5. The Village Clerk is authorized to provide executed copies of this Resolution furnished to the Clerks of Miami Dade County and all municipalities within the County, the Miami Dade County League of Cities, and the Florida League of Cities and circulated amongst the members of this Commission and placed in the official minutes of this Village, documenting the Village's support.

Section 6. The above whereas clauses are incorporated by reference into this resolution.

Section 7. This policy statement shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

Section 8. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

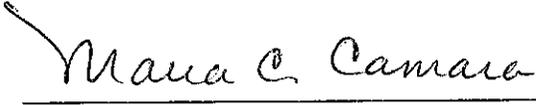
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2 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of August, 2012.
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11 Noah Jacobs, Mayor

The foregoing resolution upon being
put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Jacobs: Yes
Vice Mayor Ross: Yes
Commissioner Anderson: Yes
Commissioner Cooper: Yes
Commissioner Watts: Yes

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18 Maria Camara, Village Clerk

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Village Attorney