



# City of Sanibel

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** *The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva includes over 70 members that are island women of professional and executive backgrounds, who seek to raise awareness of the uncomfortable, often unspoken topic of violence against women; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is encouraging the community to say, "NO, there is zero tolerance for violence against women on Sanibel," and to help women, through information and support, to leave an abusive situation; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Zonta Clubs are extending their core mission of improving the status of women through service and advocacy, working locally to specifically reduce violence against women through education and awareness; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva working along with the United Nations (UN Women) and with Zonta International (ZI) and its 32,000 members worldwide in 65 countries is engaged during 2015 and beyond in a specific anti-violence campaign entitled "Zonta Says NO"; and*

**WHEREAS:** *"Zonta Says NO" reaches its focus during a designated "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" which runs from Wednesday, November 25, through Thursday, December 10, 2015; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Orange has been designated as the official color for the "Zonta Says NO" campaign, a color also adopted by the United Nations for this topic.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Ruane, Mayor of the City of Sanibel, Lee County Florida, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Sanibel, do hereby proclaim that on December 1, 2015, and during the "16 Days of Activism" all citizens are urged to support work to end violence against women and to eliminate the detrimental consequences it has on the well-being of our community.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sanibel to be affixed hereto.**

Done at City Hall

this \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2015

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Mayor

