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PROCLAMATION
CRIME PREVENTION MONTH OCTOBER 2016

Whereas, the vitality of the City of Calexico, California depends upon safe homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and communities;

Whereas, crime destroys and fear debilitates our faith and trust in others, elected officials and in civic institutions, threatening the community's life, liberty, and general welfare;

Whereas, people of all ages from all walks of life, must be made aware of their personal responsibility in helping people keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe from crime;

Whereas, people of all ages must be informed of the dangers of technology crime and how they can protect themselves from potential danger of those who would use technology to commit crime;

Whereas, the personal injury, financial loss, and community deterioration resulting from crime are intolerable and require investment from the whole community to eradicate;

Whereas, adults must invest time, resources, and policy support in effective prevention and intervention strategies for youth, so too must teens actively engage in driving crime from their communities;

Whereas, crime prevention initiatives are not the sole responsibility of law enforcement, communities must work together with law enforcement to promote collaborative efforts that make neighborhoods safer for all people and develop positive opportunities for young people to thrive;

Whereas, effective crime prevention programs excel because of partnerships among law enforcement, other government agencies, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses, and individuals as they help nurture communal responsibility and instill pride;

Whereas, the Kennedy Gardens Neighborhood Watch and the Calexico Police Department has partnered with multiple community groups and individuals to celebrate safe communities as part of National Crime Prevention Month, together they have organized community events in support safe and healthy communities;

Therefore, I Luis Castro, Mayor of the City of Calexico do hereby proclaim October 2016 as Crime Prevention Month in Calexico, California and urge all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, and businesses to join and support our Celebrate Safe Communities initiative(s), which will run throughout the month. I call upon them to help me invest in the power of prevention and community cooperation that will ensure Calexico California is a safer, stronger, more caring community in which we all live, learn, work, and play.