



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

9/19/2023

RESOLUTION 238 - 2023

Introduced by Public Safety: Supervisors Lant, Butler, Grasso, Hammond, Raymond, Tollisen and K. Veitch

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2023 AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN SARATOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, each year October is recognized nationally as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 10 million adults experience domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, on a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive over 20,000 calls; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence occurs in every community and affects everyone regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion or nationality; and

WHEREAS, physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior, as part of a larger systematic pattern of control; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma and even death; and

WHEREAS, the devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of domestic violence is such that everyone knows someone impacted by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs billions of dollars in our country annually in expenses for such things as lost work days, physical injuries and property damage; and

WHEREAS, research shows that by creating communities where people are connected, supportive, and care for one another can reduce incidents of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, our Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office and Department of Social Services, in conjunction with many other local agencies, work hard to prevent domestic violence and assist the victims; and

WHEREAS, heightened public awareness of issues surrounding domestic violence is an effective tool to combat this serious problem; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, and Theodore T. Kusnierz, Chairman, hereby proclaim the month of October, 2023 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Saratoga County and urge all of our citizens to support and participate in on-going programs designed for the reduction and elimination of domestic violence; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors forward a copy of this resolution to Wellspring, 2816 U.S. 9, Malta, NY 12020 and Mechanicville Domestic Violence Advocacy Program, 6 South Main Street, Mechanicville, New York 12118; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No Budget Impact.

September 19, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion to Adopt: Supervisor Kinowski

Second: Supervisor Butler

AYES (203089): Joseph Grasso (4328), Philip C. Barrett (19014.5), Jonathon Schopf (19014.5), Eric Butler (6500), Diana Edwards (819), Jean Raymond (1333), Michael Smith (3525), Kevin Veitch (8004), Kevin Tollisen (25662), Mark Hammond (17130), Scott Ostrander (18800), Theodore Kusnierz (16202), Sandra Winney (2075), Ian Murray (5808), Tara N. Gaston (14245.5), Matthew E. Veitch (14245.5), Edward D. Kinowski (9022), John Lant (17361)
NOES (0):

ABSENT (32420): Eric Connolly (11831), Arthur M. Wright (1976), Thomas Richardson (5163), Willard H. Peck (5242), John Lawler (8208)