



Sexual Assault Awareness

Proclamation 19-08

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the statistics surrounding sexual assault are staggering where 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men experience some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime; One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old; sexual assault affects men, women, and children of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional; annually, rape costs the U.S. more than any other crime (\$127 billion) costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorder and suicide; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating for not only the survivor, but also for the family and friends of the survivor; at the Diane Pepler Resource Center survivors are provided help to rebuild and rejuvenate their life after the trauma through services like counseling, civil legal assistance, housing assistance, safe shelter, and so much more and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, or agency can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but the community working together to educate the population about sexual violence, prevention, supporting survivors and their families, increasing support for the agencies that provide support services, and challenging the language that promotes the rape culture; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for the communities to learn more about preventing sexual violence, how to get prevention education within the schools, and to hopefully increase the number of conversations our community can have about healthy relationships;

WHEREAS, a commitment to ensuring the safety of the citizens in the county through policy reviews, updating policies, and education of self, youth, and communities. Everyone deserves to feel safe from violence in their county, communities, and relationships.

NOW THEREFORE be it, Resolved, That we, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2019, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Chippewa County.

Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

March 14, 2019

