

***Rochelle IL, Daughters of the American Revolution
Proclamation Recognizing Domestic Violence
Awareness Month***

Whereas, Congress passed Public Law 101-112 in 1989, officially designating October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

Whereas, on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused in the United States; and

Whereas, 1 in 7 women and 1 in 25 men have been injured by an intimate partner

Whereas, on a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide; and

Whereas, Domestic victimization is correlated with a higher rate of depression and suicidal behavior; and

Whereas, only 34% of people who are injured by intimate partners receive medical care for their injuries; and

Whereas, between 21-60% of victims of intimate partner violence lose their jobs due to reasons stemming from the abuse; and

Whereas, the stay at home orders due to Covid19 have increased the risk of domestic violence to those in abusive relationships; and

Whereas, the Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will be hosting a socially distanced, experiential program called “In Her Shoes” in conjunction with Hope of Ogle County highlighting the impact of economic hardships experienced by domestic violence victims in leaving an abusive relationship; and

Whereas, said program will be held at the Creston Opera House on Saturday, October 10, 2020 beginning at 1:30pm,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, hereby recommend:

- that October be recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness month in Rochelle;
- that high school students and adults in the county be encouraged to learn about the impact domestic violence has on the community;
- that the community’s desire to support and aid victims of domestic violence be reaffirmed;
- and that Saturday, October 10, 2020 be proclaimed as **Domestic Abuse Awareness Day**.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____

Susan L. Messer, City Clerk

