



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem, due to the imbalance of power due to gender and age; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cut across all economic, racial, and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting women and children and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is abused women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hanover, through the Hanover Township Mental Health Board, financially supports the Community Crisis Center of Elgin and the WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger) Program of Rolling Meadows, two non-profit organizations that offer intervention services including shelter, counseling, advocacy, and related services for survivors of domestic violence and their children, along with treatment services for perpetrators of domestic violence, and domestic violence prevention programs in area schools and youth organizations; and

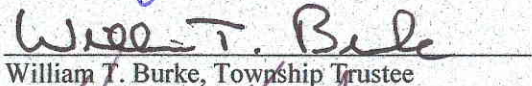
WHEREAS, 14 adults and 16 child residents of Hanover Township sought safe shelter through these organizations, and 126 adult and 16 child residents of Hanover Township received support counseling and advocacy through both organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by the Community Crisis Center and the WINGS Program, the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Hanover Township, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2009 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and urge all residents to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the Community Crisis Center and the WINGS Program to work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women.

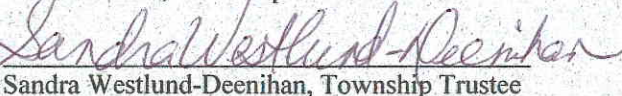
Signed this 6th day of October, 2009

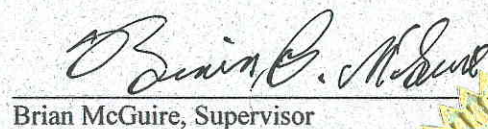
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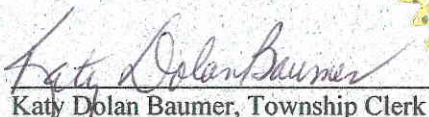

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