



## **Sexual Assault Awareness**

### **Proclamation 18-06**

### **April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, the statistics surrounding sexual assault are staggering with 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men experience sexual assault at some point during their life; sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders 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 Shelter victims are provided help to rebuild and rejuvenate their life after this experience by providing them services like counseling, legal help, housing assistant, shelter, and so much more and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victim/survivors; and

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

NOW THEREFORE be it, Resolved, That we, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Chippewa County.

**Chippewa County Board of Commissioners**

**April 9, 2018**