

A resolution by Supervisor Taylor (2), Dimitrijevic, Taylor (9), Moore Omokunde, West, Haas, Mayo, Sr., and Johnson, Jr., recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urging community involvement to "Keep Us Safe," by recommending adoption of the following:

A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, domestic violence, or intimate partner violence (IPV), is an issue that has far reaching consequences impacting not only the survivors and their children, but the community; and

WHEREAS, nationwide more than one in three women and one in four men have experienced rape, sexual violence, physical violence, psychological violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, national statistics show that an average of three women are killed by a current or former intimate partner every day; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 domestic violence claimed the lives of 58 women, men, and children in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission reports that in the first six months of 2016, there was a 100 percent increase (four to eight in homicides involving IPV and a 700 percent increase in non-fatal shootings involving IPV; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500 percent; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, firearms have accounted for more domestic violence homicides than all other methods of killing combined; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 15.5 million children in the United States live in families where domestic violence occurred at least once in the past year; and

38 WHEREAS, children who witness domestic violence:
39 • Are six times more likely than other children to die before the age of five
40 • Often meet diagnostic criteria for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, similar
41 to experienced combat veterans
42 • May have altered , Deoxyribonucleic acid, aging them prematurely seven
43 to 10 years
44 • Are neglected at a rate 1,500 percent higher than the national average
45 • Are six times more likely to commit suicide
46 • Are 74 percent more likely to commit a violent crime

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49 WHEREAS, economic security and personal safety are inextricably linked for
50 survivors of domestic violence, with many unable to leave an abusive situation for fear
51 of the inability to provide for themselves and/or their children; and

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53 WHEREAS, the cost of intimate partner rape, physical assault, and stalking
54 exceed \$5.8 billion each year – nearly \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and
55 mental health care services; and

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57 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a community issue; and

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59 WHEREAS, the community can come together to end domestic violence; and

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61 WHEREAS, public awareness has the potential to increase the identification and
62 reporting of abuse by the public, professionals, and survivors themselves; and

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64 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of
65 October 26, 2016, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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67 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
68 recognize the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month with
69 a focus on community involvement to “Keep Us Safe”; and

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71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board recognizes October 20, 2016,
72 as National #PurpleThursday, and encourages the community to wear the color purple
73 on that day in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes and requests that
76 the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Facilities
77 Management Division, Department of Administrative Services, work with Sojourner
78 Peace House to post Sojourner’s domestic violence resource posters in public
79 restrooms throughout Milwaukee County buildings; and

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BE IT FURTHER SESOLVED, the County Board urges the community to help
“Keep Us Safe” through personal actions and the use of domestic violence resources,
such as the Sojourner Peace House Domestic Violence Hotline, the Hmong Domestic
Violence Helpline, the Latina Resource Center, Milwaukee Women’s Center Crisis Line
and Shelter, Adore To Empower, Impact Coalition for Families, and Mahogany
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