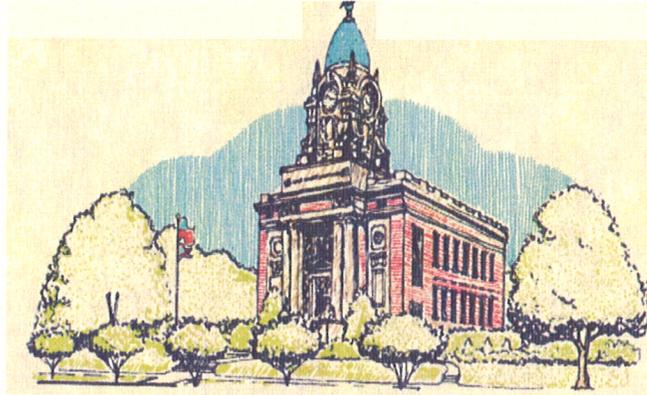


LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION



October 2, 2014

DECLARING OCTOBER "NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the Day of Unity, first observed in October 1981, which aimed to connect battered women's advocates who work each day to end violence against women and their children. In October 1987, Domestic Violence Awareness Month was recognized and in 1989, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence does not discriminate based on race, religion, national origin, gender or economic status. Anyone can be a victim. Anyone. Recent events reaching national coverage about the issue of domestic violence, especially in the NFL, have led to important dialogue across the country, and our community is not immune to the ravages inflicted by abuse, evidenced by the local media coverage of the murders of three women at the hands of their abusers in Northeast Ohio in the last month; and

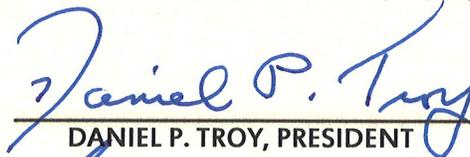
WHEREAS, Lake County is host to Forbes House, a safe haven in the midst of crisis for individuals and families, where victims find resources, including a 24-hour helpline for crisis intervention, shelter, counseling, advocacy, support groups and aftercare to ensure former residents remain in healthy, nonviolent relationships. Compassionate Forbes House staff and volunteers strive to help victims free themselves from domestic abuse, whether physical, sexual, or verbal and emotional, and offers them a domestic abuse shelter where they can feel safe and speak openly; and

WHEREAS, while we are fortunate to have such a critical resource as Forbes House in Lake County, our collective mission must be to abolish the need for such services, and by adoption of this proclamation, this Board of Commissioners challenges citizens to demonstrate their resolve to learn about the signs of abuse, the support system for families victimized by abuse, and solutions to breaking the cycle of abuse so that each person is afforded the health and freedom that they deserve in order to thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, declares October

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and encourages citizens to show support for the campaign by wearing a purple ribbon throughout the month of October.


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