

10/16/17

L-217-17 Ist

RESOLUTION NO. 217-17

BY: **LARRY NAPOLI**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH," DESIGNATED AS THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OF 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence, also known as intimate partner violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, ability, sexual orientation, religion, nationality or gender; it crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 American women aged 18 and older have been the victim of physical violence by an intimate partner and domestic violence is still the leading cause of injury to women; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016, there were 78,633 domestic dispute calls in the State of Ohio; 9,297 domestic incidents in Cuyahoga County; 115 domestic incidents in the City of Parma. Additionally, there were countless other victims who did not report the crime; and,

WHEREAS, to raise awareness about Domestic Violence, the City of Parma is participating in the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, communities, businesses, local governments, law enforcement and individuals need to work together to stop violence in homes, schools and workplaces; and,

WHEREAS, advocates of all professional disciplines need to work together to respond to domestic violence and provide coordinated services that improve the public understanding of domestic violence and enhance all services for victims that will make our communities healthier and safer; and,

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC) has their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Break the Silence Luncheon on Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Windows on the River; and,

WHEREAS, the public may drop off a donation of old cellular phone(s) for the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC) for use by domestic violence victims to Sherry M. Purge, the Victims' Advocate at the City of Parma Prosecutor's Office, 5555 Powers Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44129; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports the month of October of 2017 which is designated as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for further reason that this measure is necessary to ensure enactment for the recognition this month, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO