

City of Ithaca Proclamation

Whereas; we, as a community, must recognize that domestic and sexual violence is not just a women's issue but a cultural and societal problem that we all have a responsibility to bring an end to; and

Whereas; our community must use words and actions to create an environment in which all survivors can find safety and abusers are held accountable for their choices; and

Whereas; nearly 25% of intimate relationships will include some form of intimate partner violence and in the U.S. an estimated 4 women are killed daily at the hands of their husband or boyfriend; and

Whereas; we must recognize all forms of sexual assault as acts of violence, specifically highlighting the disproportionate level of violence faced by women of color, individuals with disabilities and the LGBT community; and

Whereas; with prevention education and policy change the Enough Abuse Campaign has brought together people throughout Tompkins County to confront the reality that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys report being sexually abused before the age of 18; and

Whereas; Tompkins County along with 5 other local municipalities and governmental bodies have recognized Freedom from Domestic Violence as more than an ideal but a Human Right for all people; and

Whereas; Take Back The Night is a time of celebrations, triumphs and struggles where all people can support survivors' strength and courage while working to change the culture that perpetuates domestic and sexual violence in our lives,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Svante L. Myrick, Mayor of the City of Ithaca, do hereby proclaim this Friday April 24th, 2015 as a day to:

Take Back the Night In the City of Ithaca

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Ithaca to be affixed this 24th day of April, 2015.




Svante L. Myrick, Mayor