

**RESOLUTION HONORING 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HAVEN HOUSE**

**RESOLUTION # 24-50**

- WHEREAS,** the first National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in October of 1987; and the U.S. Congress, in 1989, passed Public Law 101-112, officially designating October in the United States as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence is a serious, widespread crime and affects more than 12 million Americans of all races, ages, gender and income levels including those in Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States, more than 12 million women and men over the course of a single year; more than 1 in 3 women (35.6%) and 1 in 4 men (28.5%) in the US have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and
- WHEREAS,** children witnessed violence in nearly one in four (22%) of intimate partner violence cases filed in state courts; and 30% to 60% of intimate partner violence perpetrators also abuse children in the household, and where 40% of child abuse victims also report experiencing domestic violence; and according to the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect, domestic violence may be the single major precursor to fatalities from child abuse and neglect in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS,** Haven House Northwest Indiana has been the forefront of providing free and confidential emergency shelter for Domestic Violence Victims and their children in Hammond, Indiana, since 1983; and
- WHEREAS,** for 40 years Haven House Northwest Indiana has provided services including emergency shelter, crisis intervention and support, advocacy and court liaison, community referral services, group and individual counseling, order of protection and no contact orders; and
- WHEREAS,** Haven House has provided basic necessities for Domestic Violence survivors including safe housing, meals and personal care products in a home-like setting so residents feel comfortable and safe; and children have activities and a playground; and
- WHEREAS,** Haven House also focuses on educating the community working with schools, clubs and youth centers to discuss topics such as healthy relationships and the dynamics of abuse, which may happen at any age and in any type of relationship; and
- WHEREAS,** Haven House supports empowering domestic violence survivors by helping them get back on their feet, and encouraging personal growth by providing access to computers that can be used for housing and job searches or to create resumes.

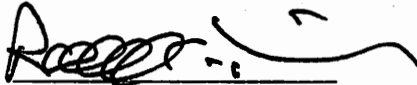
**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Lake County Council this October recognizes Haven House Northwest Indiana as it celebrates 40 years of providing services to the community and calls upon all residents of Lake County, Indiana, to support Haven House in its efforts to offer services to those impacted by domestic violence.

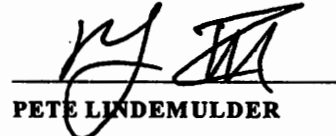
SO RESOLVED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.



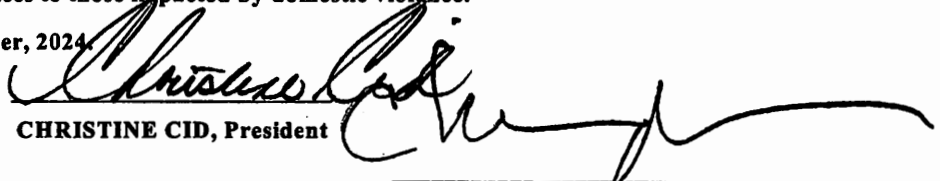
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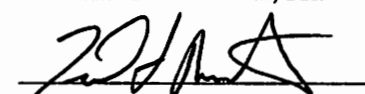


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