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WHITE RIBBON DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our community is deeply concerned about the public health and public safety issues of violence against women and all gender-based violence, including sexual assault, rape, domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the many cultures represented in our community are all affected, including heterosexual, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals, communities of color, immigrants, the youth, the aged, the infirmed and the differently-abled; and

WHEREAS, the White Ribbon Day Campaign believes that the majority of men wish to make a positive contribution towards ending this violence and that by reimagining manhood we can break down the rigid gender roles and power dynamics that contribute to and foster gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS, our municipality, along with other municipalities across the Commonwealth, is committed to taking tangible steps to raise awareness, to support survivors, to hold offenders accountable and to promote safety, equity and non-violence in our community; and

WHEREAS, our municipality recognizes the important life-saving work of HarborCOV and the HAVEN program of MGH located within our municipality; and

WHEREAS, the White Ribbon Day Pledge states: "From this day forward, I promise to be a part of the solution in ending violence against women and all gender-based violence."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Thomas G. Ambrosino**, Manager of the City of Chelsea, do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, February 28, 2017** to be,

White Ribbon Day

And urge all the citizens of Chelsea to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance by taking the White Ribbon Day pledge and wearing and recognizing the significance of the White Ribbon, which seeks to end all gender based violence and asks men to stand up and be counted as against social values among males that contribute to that violence.

Given this 28th day of February, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty first.

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