

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, nearly one in five women (18.3%) and one in 71 men (1.4%) in the United States have been raped at some time in their lives. And according to the U.S. Transgender Survey, almost one in two transgender people (47%) surveyed have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old; and

WHEREAS, the National Crime Victimization Survey and the 2010 Massachusetts Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System found that people with a disability of any kind have an age-adjusted rate of rape or sexual assault that is more than twice the rate for people without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college, reports the National Sexual Violence Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence occurs in many forms, including sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, trafficking, and more; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence touches the lives of Chelsea residents in some way; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC), the rape crisis center serving Chelsea and the largest rape crisis center in New England, serves 14,000 sexual violence survivors over the age of 12, their families, friends, and community members each year, and empowers survivors of sexual violence to heal while also providing education and advocacy for the social change needed to prevent sexual violence; and

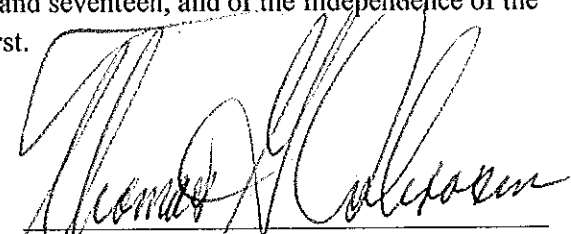
WHEREAS, on April 23, 2017, thousands will gather for the annual BARCC Walk for Change to show up for survivors, to support survivors, to take action, and to add their voices to the movement to end sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas G. Ambrosino, Manager of the City of Chelsea, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 23, 2017 to be,

Awareness and Action to End Sexual Violence Day

And urge all the citizens of Chelsea to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance by taking a stand against sexual violence.

Given this 15th day of March, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty first.


Thomas G. Ambrosino
Chelsea City Manager