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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The impacts of domestic violence reach many segments of our community, regardless of gender identity, age, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or disability; and

WHEREAS: The particularly pressing problem of violence against women, sexual assault and domestic violence is recognized by both women and men in our community as a matter of deep concern; and

WHEREAS: The Town of Arlington, our Community Safety and Health and Human Services professionals, and our residents have exercised leadership in raising awareness about domestic violence, encouraging us all to be "upstanders," supporting survivors, and holding offenders accountable; and

WHEREAS: The White Ribbon Campaign was started in Canada in 1991 to urge men to speak out in opposition to violence against women; and

WHEREAS: The White Ribbon Campaign has spread to 60 countries and garnered 5 million signatures of support from concerned men; 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"; and

WHEREAS: The White Ribbon Campaign has been endorsed by public officials and leaders in law enforcement, business, education, health care and athletics from throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a means of supporting a comprehensive approach to domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen, do hereby express support for efforts - both local and beyond - to combat the scourge of violence against women; and be it further

RESOLVED that March 3, 2016 is proclaimed as WHITE RIBBON DAY in the Town of Arlington and that all residents are encouraged to pay fitting observance thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED that white ribbons - along with a copy of the White Ribbon Day Pledge - will be available in the Selectmen's office during the week of White Ribbon Day for all municipal officials and employees and members of the public who wish to express visible support.

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A true record.
ATTEST:

By: _____
Board Administrator