

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WHITE BEAR, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON MAY 2, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of White Bear, Minnesota, was duly held at Heritage Hall in said Town on May 2, 2016, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The following members were present: Kermes, Prudhon, Ruzek; and the following members were absent: None.

Supervisor Ruzek introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE "RAMSEY
COUNTY: A START BY BELIEVING COMMUNITY"
INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men in the United States experience rape or attempted rape, at some point in their lives, and data from other sources report the rate for women is as high as 1 in 4;

AND WHEREAS, according to a study by the University of Minnesota, the number of Minnesota women reporting a date-related sexual assault rises from 12 percent by the time they graduate from high school, 29 percent by age 23, to 33 percent by mid-life;

AND WHEREAS, an analysis of the Minnesota Student Survey data by the University of Minnesota estimated 60 percent of teen first pregnancies in Minnesota are preceded by experiences of molestation, rape, or attempted rape;

AND WHEREAS, 188 cases of child sexual abuse in Ramsey County were identified among reported cases of maltreatment in 2011;

AND WHEREAS, current estimates suggest no more than 20 percent of sexual assaults will be reported to law enforcement and less than 3 percent will result in the conviction and incarceration of the perpetrator;

AND WHEREAS, research documents that victims are for more likely to disclose their sexual assault to a friend or family member, and when these loved ones respond with disbelief, shame, or blame, victims suffer additional negative effects on their physical and psychological well-being and do not report their assault to law enforcement;

AND WHEREAS, the national public awareness campaign "Start by Believing" is designed to improve the initial responses of friends, family members,

and community professionals, including law enforcement and prosecutors, so they can help victims to access supportive resources and report their assaults;

AND WHEREAS, Ramsey County has worked collaboratively across departments and with community partners for many years to prevent and respond to sexual violence in the community;

AND WHEREAS, public health and the criminal justice system have different roles and responsibilities, but are united in the goals to prevent and reduce sexual violence in our community, from children to vulnerable adults;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of White Bear that the County re-direct itself to addressing the continuing problem of sexual violence through its support of the Ramsey County: A Start by Believing Community Initiative and its goal for everyone to believe victims upon report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of White Bear that White Bear Township and its community partners will expand support for sexual violence survivors through training, education and outreach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of White Bear that all municipal jurisdictions in Ramsey County are requested to join in this effort.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Prudhon, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Kermes, Prudhon, Ruzek; and the following voted against the same: None.

Whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY) ss.
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TOWN OF WHITE BEAR)

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of White Bear, Minnesota, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have carefully compared the attached and foregoing Extract of Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town held on the 2nd day of May, 2016, with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a full, true and complete transcript therefrom, insofar as the same relates to a Resolution relating to supporting the Ramsey County: A Start by Believing Community Initiative.

WITNESS my hand as such Clerk and the Town Clerk's Seal this 2nd day of May, 2016.



TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF WHITE BEAR, MINN.