

AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH
BURLINGTON WHITE RIBBON WEEK DURING
SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, APRIL 2011

In the year Two Thousand Eleven.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the majority of women and men in our community are deeply concerned about the pressing problem of violence against women, sexual assault and domestic violence;

WHEREAS the White Ribbon Campaign believes that the majority of men wish to make a positive contribution towards ending this violence; and

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

WHEREAS the City of Burlington wishes to take tangible steps to raise awareness and to support survivors and hold offenders accountable in our community, along with other cities and towns across our state; and

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, our city recognizes the important life saving work of Women's Rape Crisis Center and Women Helping Battered Women located in Burlington; and

WHEREAS, the White Ribbon Pledge states: "I make a personal pledge never to commit, condone nor remain silent about violence against women. From this day forward, I promise to be a part of the solution in ending violence against women;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week of April 25 - 29, 2011 is proclaimed WHITE RIBBON WEEK in Burlington and that all members of the council and all

35 BURLINGTON WHITE RIBBON WEEK DURING
36 SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, APRIL
37 2011
38

39 municipal employees, particularly men, are encouraged to wear the 'white ribbon' during White
40 Ribbon Day; and

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WHITE RIBBON WEEK Pledge be displayed at
42 Burlington City Hall in such a location that it can be seen, and be signed, by all citizens; that
43 White Ribbon lapel pins be available for a minimum donation of \$1 at Homeport, 52 Church
44 Street, prior to and during White Ribbon Week; and that 100% of the proceeds be divided
45 equally between Women's Rape Crisis Center and Women Helping Battered Women.

46