

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sexual assault and financial literacy are key issues for victims of domestic and sexual violence. At the same time, one of the greatest barriers to escaping a pattern of abusive behavior is economics; and,

WHEREAS, today's economy is exacerbating sexual assault, and, at the same time, it is limiting the options for survivors to get help; and,

WHEREAS, ninety-nine percent of women who experience physical violence in a relationship also experience some form of economic abuse. Abusers use finances as an invisible weapon to keep victims trapped in abusive relationships; and,

WHEREAS, the National Network to End Domestic Violence and the Allstate Foundation has teamed up to create a unique program that is helping survivors of abuse become financially literate and independent from those who continuously perpetrate abuse against them; and,

WHEREAS, the Allstate Foundation Purple Purse campaign is aimed at creating long-term safety and security for survivors through financial empowerment. The program ignites fundraising for hundreds of national, state, and local domestic violence organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the Metro Centers for Community Advocacy provides free and confidential services to women, children, and male survivors to enable families to regain their physical and emotional strength with the goal to provide assistance to anyone seeking help, and this is accomplished through state, federal, and local grant monies as well as donations; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the Metro Centers for Community Advocacy is to break the cycle of violence and aid survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH"

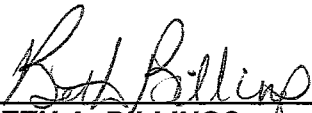
IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND TO INCREASE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF FINANCIAL STABILITY.



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PARISH PRESIDENT**



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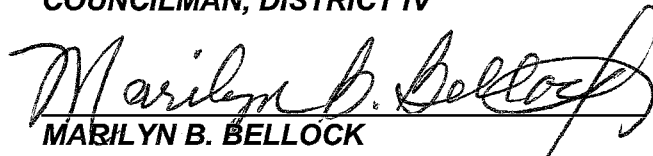
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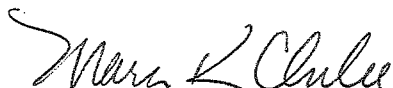
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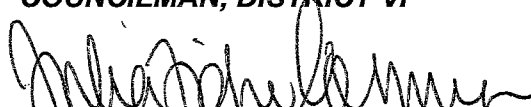
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