

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. **20031496**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Present National Stalking Awareness Month Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

3. MEETING DATE:

9:30 #1

01-06-2004

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner Judah
- B. DEPARTMENT County Commission
- C. DIVISION _____

BY: *Judah*
County

7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

| A Department Director | B Purchasing or Contracts | C Human Resources | D Other | E County Attorney | F Budget Services | | | | G County Manager |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----|------|-----|---------------------|
| | | | | | OA | OM | Risk | GC | |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER



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The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of the National Stalking Awareness Month; and
- Whereas: An estimated 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States; the majority of victims are stalked by someone who is not a stranger to them; and
- Whereas: 81% of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner; 46% of victims experienced one or more violent incidents by the stalker; 76% of women killed by an intimate partner had been stalked by that intimate partner; and
- Whereas: 26% of stalking victims lose time from work as a result of their victimization and 7% never return to work; and
- Whereas: Stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves such as relocating, changing their address, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders; and
- Whereas: Stalking is a crime that cuts across race, culture, gender, age, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, and economic status; and
- Whereas: Stalking is a crime in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and under the laws of the Federal government; and
- Whereas: There are national organizations, local victim service organizations, prosecutor's offices, and police departments who stand ready to assist stalking victims and who are working diligently to craft competent, thorough and innovative responses to stalking; and
- Whereas: There is a need to enhance the criminal justice system's response to stalking and stalking victims, including aggressive investigation and prosecution; and
- Whereas: A similar resolution is presently being resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress in which they urge national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, and the media to promote, through Stalking Awareness Month, awareness of the crime of stalking.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby proclaim the month of January 2004 as

NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

in Lee County and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Duly Executed this 6th day of January 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chairman

