

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: January is known around the United States as National Stalking Awareness Month to ensure that the victims know they are not alone; and
- WHEREAS: 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men in the United States have experienced some form of stalking violence in their lifetime, and 58% of women and 49% of male were first stalked before they were 25
- WHEREAS: Stalking violence not only includes following, but can include unwanted contact, emotional trauma and harassment, misuse of technology, threatening words or actions, intimidation and fear, and controlling, tracking, and scaring; and
- WHEREAS: Stalking violence is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear for the person's safety or the safety of others, or to suffer substantial emotional distress; and
- WHEREAS: There are resources available in Warren County for victims of stalking violence and their families, and we commend the work of public and private entities that strive to provide resources and support stalking violence survivors; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize that racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism, and discrimination based on ability, nationality or other factors help to perpetuate stalking violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims; and
- WHEREAS: by working together, we can raise awareness and break the cycles of stalking violence to build a community that is safe for everyone.
- NOW THEREFORE: I, Rod Davies, Mayor of the City of Monmouth, Illinois do hereby proclaim January 2023 as:

National Stalking Awareness Month

and urge all citizens to stand together against stalking violence, to offer support and understanding to survivors, and to participate in stalking violence awareness activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Monmouth, Illinois to be affixed this 17th day in the month of January in the Year 2023.



Rod Davies, Mayor