

# *City of Ithaca Proclamation*

**Whereas;** we, as a community, must recognize that domestic and sexual violence is not just a women's issue but a cultural and societal problem that we all have a responsibility to bring an end to; and

**Whereas;** our community must use words and actions to create an environment in which all survivors can find safety and abusers are held accountable for their choices; and

**Whereas;** nearly 25% of intimate relationships will include some form of intimate partner violence and in the U.S. an estimated 4 women are killed daily at the hands of their husband or boyfriend; and

**Whereas;** we must recognize all forms of sexual assault as acts of violence, specifically highlighting the disproportionate level of violence faced by women of color, individuals with disabilities and the LGBT community; and

**Whereas;** with prevention education and policy change the Enough Abuse Campaign has brought together people throughout Tompkins County to confront the reality that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys report being sexually abused before the age of 18; and

**Whereas;** Tompkins County along with 5 other local municipalities and governmental bodies have recognized Freedom from Domestic Violence as more than an ideal but a Human Right for all people; and

**Whereas;** Take Back The Night is a time of celebrations, triumphs and struggles where all people can support survivors' strength and courage while working to change the culture that perpetuates domestic and sexual violence in our lives,

**Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I,** Svante L. Myrick, Mayor of the City of Ithaca, do hereby proclaim this Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as a day to:

## *Take Back the Night In the City of Ithaca*

*In witness whereof,* I have hereto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Ithaca to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.



  
Svante L. Myrick, Mayor