

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE “START BY BELIEVING CAMPAIGN” THROUGH THE END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

WHEREAS, End Violence Against Women International (“EVAWI”) was established to inspire and educate those who respond to gender-based violence, equipping them with the knowledge and tools they need to support victims and to hold perpetrators accountable; and

WHEREAS, EVAWI promotes victim-centered, multi-disciplinary collaboration, which strengthens the response of the criminal justice system, other professionals, program allies and the general public-making communities safer; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Public Safety reported that in 2011 there were 1,653 reports of rape or attempted rape, which is five sexual assaults per day; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports sexual assault occurs in approximately 40-45 percent of relationships involving domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Justice, only 40 percent of sexual assaults are reported; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that victims do not report sexual assault for fear that the people working in the criminal justice system will not believe them and rather will blame the victim; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is a violent crime with devastating safety and health implications for every person in the Town of Fountain Hills, be they a victim, a family member, a loved one, a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker of a victim; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fountain Hills (the “Town Council”) desires to support victims of sexual assault by participation in the Start By Believing Campaign, a public awareness campaign focusing on the public’s response to sexual assault.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The Town Council hereby supports victims of sexual assault through collaborative efforts within the Town by participation in the Start By Believing Campaign as deemed appropriate.

SECTION 3. The Mayor, the Town Manager, the Town Clerk and the Town Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, August 15, 2013.

FOR THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS:

ATTESTED TO:



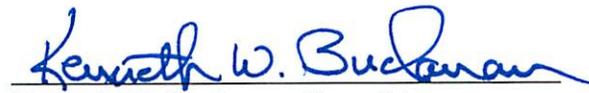
Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor



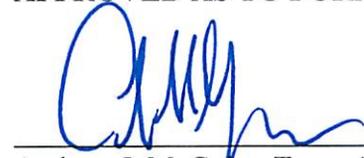
Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk

REVIEWED BY:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kenneth W. Buchanan, Town Manager



Andrew J. McGuire, Town Attorney