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Proclamation

Sexual Violence Prevention Month May 2025

Whereas, Sexual Violence Prevention Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts people of all ages, genders, and ethnicities; and

Whereas, approximately 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will experience sexual assault in their lifetime, will know the person who attacked them and do not report the crime to the police; and

Whereas, victims of sexual assault are some of the most vulnerable and silent people in society and it is now time to ask questions to learn about the services for victims; and

Whereas, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

Whereas, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence through increased education, awareness, and community involvement.

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Guy Gardhouse, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as “**Sexual Violence Prevention Month**” in the Township of East Garafraxa and urge all citizens to recognize the ongoing commitment of individuals and organizations in our community who actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence and for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

Dated at East Garafraxa, Ontario this 13th day of May 2025.

Mayor Guy Gardhouse