BE IT RESOLVED: by the Town of Freeport as follows

WHEREAS, domestic abuse and violence are serious injustices that affect people and families of all races, ages, genders and income levels; and

WHEREAS, each year nearly half the homicides in Maine are related to domestic abuse and violence; and

WHEREAS, in Maine, over 14,000 people affected by domestic violence reach out for help each year and

WHEREAS, domestic abuse and violence are preventable through public education initiatives, advocacy for better policies and support systems, resources affected by people of abuse, and holding perpetrators to account; and

WHEREAS, we all have a role in changing he cultural norms and interrupting the belief systems that underlie abuse and in making abusive behavior socially acceptable; and

WHEREAS, Freeport Breaks the Silence of Domestic Abuse month is an opportunity to shine a critical light on the issue of domestic abuse and violence

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Members of the Freeport Town Council do hereby proclaim June as:

"Freeport Breaks the Silence of Domestic Abuse Month"

And urges all citizens to recognize this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto se	set my hand and seal this 4 th day of March, 2023.
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