

Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties

WHEREAS, the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties was originally a group of mothers who came together in 1976-77 with a vision for a shelter specifically to respond to the needs of women and children fleeing domestic violence. Their group became known as the Akron Task Force on Battered Women; and

WHEREAS, for the past 33 years, thousands of domestic violence victims have become survivors with the support, education and empathy provided through many years of support by hundreds of staff, Board Members, community agencies and generous donors who have transformed the Akron Task Force vision into a stable, professionally operated agency responding to the needs of family violence victims; and

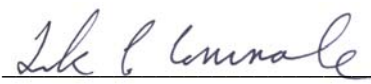
WHEREAS, today, the Battered Women's Shelter works to fulfill its mission to lead the community in the prevention of domestic abuse by providing emergency shelter, advocacy and education throughout Summit and Medina Counties, all in an effort to break the cycle of abuse and help promote peace in every family through the diligent work of 55 staff members, 60 volunteers and several community partners; and


WHEREAS, the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties is no longer dedicated to the needs of just female victims, but now offers a gamut of community-based services, prevention programs and transitional living options for all victims of family violence regardless of their sex and any other individual characteristic.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that this Council recognizes the contribution that the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties has made in this community.

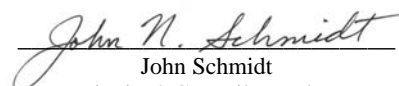
We urge all citizens to join in honoring the Battered Women's Shelter on this 30th day of April in the year 2010, and encourage them on their continued commitment to victims of domestic violence.

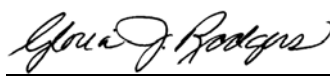

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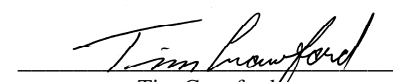

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