PROCLAMATION

*Safe Passage Month August 2022*

**WHEREAS**: Safe Passage has provided support services for domestic and sexual violence victims and their children since 1997. The non-profit serves, on average, 1,300 victims and their children in Dearborn, Ohio, Ripley, Franklin, Switzerland, and **Jefferson** Counties, per year; 16,000 victims and their children have been helped by Safe Passage over the past twenty-five (25) years; one in three women and one in six men will be a victim at some point; and the need for services continues.

**WHEREAS**: Safe Passage has a thirty-bed shelter, a toll-free text and call helpline,

*877-733-1990,* with live support 24/7/365; and services for those needing support in the community, including safety planning, legal advocacy, medical accompaniment, education, support group, and resource referrals.

**WHEREAS**: Jefferson County is consistently in the top served for hotline/helpline calls and service of the six-county service region; all services are free, voluntary, and confidential; two fulltime staff work the Safe Passage satellite office in Madison (Clearinghouse) to better serve local clients.

**WHEREAS**: Safe Passage prevention programming is provided to build assets, teach youth about healthy relationships, and deliver consent and bystander education; prevention coordination is available in Jefferson to best serve local schools to help prevent the cycle of violence.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in recognition of twenty-five (25) years of services, I, ­­­­­­­­­­­­Bob G. Courtney, Mayor of the City of Madison, do hereby proclaim August 2022 as

Safe Passage Month

in the City of Madison and invite all citizens to note this occasion.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2022.

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Bob Courtney, Mayor, City of Madison