



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: on July 15th, 2013, the Town of Hartford was profoundly impacted by the rape and murder of 19-year-old Jessie Blodgett; and

WHEREAS: the whole community responded to this tragedy and trauma with an incredible and sustained outpouring of Love, the best of humanity answering the worst of it; and

WHEREAS: this outpouring inspired the birth of The LOVE>hate Project, whose mission is to END interpersonal violence, promote Forgiveness, and presence Love; and

WHEREAS: according to the Center for Disease Control, one in three of our girls and women and one in four of our boys and men will experience domestic violence; and one in three of our girls and women and one in seven of our boys and men will experience some form of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS: LOVE>hate endeavors to achieve culture transformation to change these facts, one person at a time, and it will take ALL of us;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, by the power vested in us as the Town Board of the Town of Hartford, WI that:

July 14-20, 2024, be declared: "LOVE>hate Week" in the Town of Hartford, and we call upon our citizens to acknowledge this unique and effective means of enhancing community goodwill and alignment.

PROCLAIMED AND SIGNED this the 17th day of June, 2024.

Handwritten signature of Ryan Lippert in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Lippert, Chairman, Town of Hartford

Handwritten signature of Ralph Horst in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Ralph Horst, Supervisor, Town of Hartford

Handwritten signature of Scott Lofy in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Scott Lofy, Supervisor, Town of Hartford

ATTEST: Handwritten signature of Rebecca Schuster in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Schuster, Clerk