

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Designate Jamie Rose Martin Domestic Violence Day

DATE: 6-27-2022

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DATE SUBMITTED: 6/17/2022

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

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APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

Resolution for establishment of May 10, 2023 and every May 10 thereafter in the Village of Saranac Lake to be designated "Jamie Rose Martin" Domestic Violence Awareness Day

MOVED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS _____

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE _____

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TRUSTEE SCOLLIN _____

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO _____

Resolution by the Village of Saranac Lake

County of Franklin

This resolution is for the establishment of May 10th, 2023 and every May 10th thereafter in the Village of Saranac Lake to be designated as the 'Jamie Rose Martin' Domestic Violence Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake recognizes the tragedy of May 10th, 2017, when the life of Jamie Rose Martin was taken by domestic violence. This somber day will be recognized in our community to advance awareness of Domestic Violence and to support its many victims.

WHEREAS, New York State has created the only executive level agency dedicated to the issues of gender-based violence.

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Behavior is a pattern of behavior used by an individual to establish & maintain power & control over their intimate partner or former partner. This behavior includes abusive tactics, threats, and actions that may or may not rise to the level of criminal behavior.

WHEREAS, the community continues to honor Jamie Rose Martin by taking a stand against domestic violence.

WHEREAS, the designation of this day helps support the **Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM)** held each October as a way to unite advocates across the nation in their efforts to end domestic violence. February of each year also marks **Teen Domestic Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM)**, an annual observation raising awareness about the specific ways that abuse impacts teen dating relationships.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Village Clerk will add this to the Village's annual calendar and the Village of Tupper Lake will recognize the importance of building awareness and identifying resources in this community to help prevent incidents of domestic violence.

VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE

Authorized Officer (Print): _____

Signature: _____

More information and resources can be found at <https://opdv.ny.gov/> including a 24/7 phone number offering advocacy and confidential support to victims and their families.

Call 800-942-6906 or text 844-997-2121. Help is available if you feel threatened.

Break the Silence of Domestic Violence on Saturday, June 18th, 2022 at 11:00am in the TL Municipal Park.

This event is open to the whole community! If you don't want to register for the walk, come down to enjoy some music, food and join us in taking a stand against domestic violence.

Contact by email: familyandfriendsofjrm@gmail.com or The Family and Friends of Jamie Rose Martin on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/breakthesilence2017>

Learn more about TDVAM at loveisrespect.org.

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Trying to stop another tragedy

Tupper Lakers raise domestic violence awareness five years after killing

TUPPER LAKE — Five years after Tupper Laker Jamie Rose Martin was killed by her ex-boyfriend in a murder-suicide, her family, friends and community are coming together to raise awareness about domestic violence, advocate for more effective responses to violence, to honor her legacy and to make sure a tragedy like her murder doesn't happen again.

This past Thursday, the Tupper Lake Town Board passed a resolution establishing May 10 as Jamie Rose Martin Domestic Violence Awareness Day. The Jamie Rose Power Walk will be held this Saturday, June 18, to raise money for local domestic

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Sparks said she wanted to hold the forum at the high school auditorium because she believes it is important to start educating children about domestic violence when they are young. They can see or be a victim of such violence at a young age, she said, and she wants to teach them to recognize it early. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence nonprofit organization, one in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence every year, with 90% of these children witnessing it themselves.

Sparks said children also learn co-dependency at a young age, so schools are a good place to begin learning about recognizing domestic violence and teaching how to get away from it.

Sparks said Martin's killing in 2017 was the "*culmination of what domestic violence is.*"

She's invited Franklin County Sheriff Kevin Mulverhill, District Attorney Johnathan Miller, Franklin County Family Court Principal Court Attorney Elizabeth Crawford and members of New York State Police to the event so attendees can speak to the people who work with domestic violence every day.

Sparks said she wants to talk about the ways New York's bail reforms, which were adopted in 2019, impact domestic violence victims. The reforms were passed with the goal of making the court system more fair, but Sparks is one of many New Yorkers who believe the reforms also make domestic violence victims less safe.

Sparks said she thinks state lawmakers have "*tied the hands*" of judges, courts and law enforcement.

Sparks said when abusers are out of jail the day after an arrest with just a ticket, it is discouraging and can deter victims from getting help.

"These issues don't know politics, they don't know color, they don't know race, they don't know gender." Sparks said. *"They affect everyone."*

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ork is the only state with an executive level
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s in the way" and a lot has to happen in an
charges or for orders of protection stick.

He said he thinks the state should “streamline the process” because, currently, he doesn’t believe victims are getting enough protection through the law.

“It creates an environment where the victim in many cases feels helpless. That’s not fair or right,” Donah said. “No one has the right to create an environment where someone feels threatened.”

The forum will be held on June 14 at 6 p.m. at the Tupper Lake High School Auditorium.

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Power Walk

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The Jamie Rose Power Walk: Break the Silence of Domestic Violence will be held on June 18 at the Municipal Park at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. To pre-register for the walk, go to <https://bit.ly/3Him2lx>.

Amanda Amell, who is organizing the event, said the walk is around a mile long on the shore of Raquette Pond and takes around 20 minutes. Afterward, there will be speakers, food and music.

Amell grew up with Martin. They went to school together and were roommates in college.

“Jamie was absolutely amazing,” Amell said. “She had the kindest heart. She would give you the shirt off her back. She had a lot of energy. I used to love watching her tell stories because she was just so animated with everything.”

In high school, Amell said her friends all called Martin “Mother Jamie,” because she always wanted to take care of people. Amell said Martin’s lifelong dream was to be a mother and she had two children whom she loved.

The walk is in its fifth year and will be the first held in-person in several years. The past two years, the walk has been done virtually because of the coronavirus

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ig her tragic death, the organization has
ocal and regional domestic violence agencies,

including the STOP Domestic Violence program operated by Behavioral Health Services of the North Country.

Amell said the organization has also been able to recently help several people in town who were trying to leave domestic violence situations and needed money for rent and bills to do so.

The organization also supports a scholarship in Martin’s name at the high school.

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Awareness day

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Sparks asked the town board to consider designating May 10 to recognize domestic violence last month. Donah drafted a resolution. He was out of town on the day of the vote last week, but it passed unanimously.

The first awareness day will be on May 10 in 2023 and every May 10 after that. Tupper Lake town Supervisor Mary Fontana said the board presented the resolution to Martin’s family at the meeting. On Saturday, they’ll be given an official certificate of the resolution.

Donah said he chose to write the resolution because he has friends who have been victims of domestic violence and has personally seen the effects it has on people’s lives.

Donah said the problem needs more attention and he believes law enforcement needs the ability to hold abusers accountable more often.

His resolution describes domestic violence as a behavior pattern to establish power and control over someone. He said domestic violence is often physical, but also mental, and it does not always rise to the level of criminal behavior.

“People that are abusers, they know the fine lines to walk — what’s against the law and what’s not against the law — in terms of getting in trouble,” Amell said.

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prevention actions, like counseling or taking

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State law

Fontana said the town also sent the resolution it passed to the villages of Tupper Lake and Saranac Lake and the town of Malone to see if they will pass it, too. She said the goal is to get the day recognized at local levels to help get laws to protect domestic violence victims passed at the county and state levels.

One of these proposed state laws is also named after Martin.

North Country Assemblyman Billy Jones, D-Chateaugay Lake, introduced the Jamie Rose Law to the Assembly in 2018. This law would require public officials and professionals to report suspected cases of adult domestic violence to superiors and social services. The law has not been passed by the state houses yet.

Jones said it was a “*meaningful bill*” to him in 2018, and that he had met with the family and friends of Martin.

The state currently requires certain professionals, such as social workers, medical workers and daycare workers, to report signs of abuse toward children or the elderly to the state, but there is no mandatory reporting of adult domestic violence.

This law would mandate that a long list of people — from a coach to a podiatrist to a member of the clergy — notify the people in charge of their organization of suspected domestic violence and report those cases to social service agencies.

It is believed by Martin’s friends and family that if threats Ayotte made in the days before he killed Martin were taken seriously and reported, the tragedy could have been avoided.

When the Assembly law was proposed in 2018, Jessica Cole, Martin’s friend, described to the Enterprise how she believed Martin was failed by the people who were supposed to protect her when she sought help and reported the fear and abuse she faced. Cole said Martin’s lawyer told her they took reports of threats and court order violations she had were not strong enough to build a case.

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ocument Ayotte’s threat in writing for court,
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Less than 48 hours later, Ayotte drove to Martin’s home under the guise of returning the kids and shot and killed her, before turning the gun on himself.

Donah said Tupper Lake’s domestic violence awareness day in Martin’s name will complement the nationally-recognized Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October and Teen Domestic Violence Awareness Month in February.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, call the state Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence at 800-942-6906 or text 844-997-2121.

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CORRECTION: An earlier version of this article incorrectly said a doctor documented a threat made against Jamie Rose Martin. It was a nurse. The Enterprise regrets the error.

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