

RESOLUTION No. 2018 –

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER AND SEX CRIME VICTIMS TASK FORCE

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WHEREAS, sexually based crimes can have severe and long lasting psychological, physical and economic effects on our community and its residents; and

WHEREAS, sexually based crimes are matters of concern to every resident in the City of Niagara Falls because sexual assaults can happen to anyone under many different circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the current system of sex offender registry is important and readily available in the community provided residents avail themselves of that information; and

WHEREAS, this City Council believes it would be in the best interest of the Niagara Falls community to make the sex offender registry as well as other data sources readily available to the public to assist City residents in educating themselves about resources available in an effort to increase awareness about sex crimes in an effort to possibly prevent such tragic events in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls wishes to provide safe neighborhoods for its residents and has a strong interest in keeping its residents informed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls that there is hereby established a Registered Sex Offender and Sex Crime Victims Awareness Committee which will consist of representatives from the Niagara Falls Board of Education, the Block Club Council, the Niagara Falls Police Department, the Ministerial Council, the YWCA Sexual Assault Response Team and Rape Crisis Program, the Department of Social Services, the New York State Divisions of Parole and Probation as well as the Child Advocacy Center, the Speak Up Organization, this City Council and five (5) residents of the City of Niagara Falls to be appointed by this City Council; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Registered Sex Offender and Sex Crime Victims Awareness Committee begin meeting immediately to begin discussions about its mission and then on an “as needed” basis to further its mission.

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