



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Recognizes Rivers of Hope

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### **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

**\*\*** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rivers of Hope, a community-coordinated response to domestic violence. In the summer of 1989, a group of neighbors concerned about an increase in domestic violence banded together to create Rivers of Hope to provide victims with care and support from their community. Today, Rivers of Hope has expanded its scope of service, offering legal advocacy, education, support groups, referrals, and a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week free and confidential crisis line for victims of domestic violence. The organization also operates a youth program and a criminal justice intervention program. In addition, Rivers of Hope has grown beyond the neighbors who founded the organization to now include corporate professionals, business leaders, public servants, and public servants from Wright and Sherbourne Counties and other community leaders. Thank you to everyone who offers their time and effort to Rivers of Hope, making it the vital resource for victims in our communities. We are grateful for your dedication to making the 6th Congressional District a better place to live and a safe place for everyone. And I yield back.

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