



It's time ... to talk about it! Talk early, talk often. Prevent sexual violence.

It's time ... to speak up! Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of _____; and

Whereas, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011).; and

Whereas, Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18 (Dube et al., 2005).; and

Whereas, We must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

Whereas, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in _____ through increased education, awareness, and community involvement; and

Whereas, _____ strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It's time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That I, _____, join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of _____, I do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"

Name

Date

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