

Resolution No. 2021 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING APRIL 2021 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, in the United States, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it. SAAM calls attention to the fact that sexual harassment, assault, and abuse are/is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has exacerbated the already harrowing challenges facing sexual assault survivors by making it more difficult or risky for them to seek help; and

WHEREAS, every 73 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, this year, SAAM is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The theme for this year's campaign, "We Can Build Safe Online Spaces" to shine light that sexual harassment, assault and abuse can happen anywhere, including online spaces; and

WHEREAS, Solano County joins advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of supporting countywide efforts to reduce the incidents of sexual assault and violence against all citizens and recognizes the efforts of local community based partners in providing critical services to rape victims and in raising public awareness to prevent such victimization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the Solano County District Attorney's Office, the Solano County Family Justice Center, and other community partners and agencies for their advocacy and accomplishments by proclaiming April 2021 as "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month".

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk