

Resolution No. 2019 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING APRIL 2019 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, sexual violence is a serious problem that affects millions of people every year with victims at increased risk of being abused again and sexual violence perpetrators at increased risk of perpetrating again; and

WHEREAS, national statistics were collected from various credible resources to include the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice, and it is found that sexual assault is most often motivated by hostility, power, and control and the majority of assaults occur in places ordinarily thought to be safe, such as homes and offices; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S., one in three women and one in six men experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime, and one in every seven victims of sexual assault is under the age of six; and

WHEREAS, annually, rape costs the U.S. more than any other crime (\$127 billion), and it is the most under-reported crime, as 63% of sexual assaults are not reported to police; and

WHEREAS, despite lack of reporting, it has been documented by the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) that one American is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds; and every 11 minutes, that victim is a child. Meanwhile, only 5 out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison; 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 of Family Violence Prevention, the Solano Family Justice Center, and other community partners and agencies for their advocacy and accomplishments by proclaiming April 2019 as "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month".

Dated this 26th day of March, 2019

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk