

Sexual violence thrives when it is not taken seriously and victim-blaming goes unchecked. Annually, rape costs the U.S. more than any other crime (\$127 billion), and rape is the most under-reported crime, as 63% of sexual assaults are not reported to police.

The District Attorney's Office of Family Violence Prevention and the Solano Family Justice Center assist victims of sexual violence by providing multiple services directly and through partnering agencies all located under one roof. The SFJC also offers a safe and secure place for those exposed to sexual assault, as well as domestic violence, child abuse, and elder and dependent adult abuse. Ultimately, the goal is to break the cycle of violence by offering victims and survivors the opportunity to build hope and new futures free from violence.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials and plaque are included in the Board's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to present a resolution recognizing April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. However, this is not recommended, as this is a national awareness month which has been recognized annually in Solano County.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION