
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2016 as "Sexual Assault Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Widespread public awareness is the first step in
4 addressing sexual assault and its prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, Most victims of sexual assault are acquainted with
6 their assailants; and

7 WHEREAS, Young people experience heightened rates of sexual
8 violence; and

9 WHEREAS, One in four girls and one in six boys will be
10 sexually abused before reaching 18 years of age; and

11 WHEREAS, Being the victim of child sexual abuse doubles the
12 likelihood of adult sexual victimization; and

13 WHEREAS, Sexual assault is a significant problem on college
14 campuses; and

15 WHEREAS, One in five women and one in 33 men are sexually
16 assaulted during their lives; and

17 WHEREAS, Sexual assault can have lasting, harmful effects on

1 survivors and their loved ones in our communities; and

2 WHEREAS, To preserve the safety and welfare of our fellow
3 citizens, we must confront harmful attitudes and actions; and

4 WHEREAS, Support of survivors of sexual assault in times of
5 crisis and throughout their recovery helps the individual and
6 social progress of our fellow citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, To generate a comprehensive response to sexual
8 violence, we must highlight sexual assault prevention
9 initiatives, bolster criminal justice programs and commit to
10 breaking cycles of violence and reducing crime rates in our
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The 2016 "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" campaign
13 is focusing on prevention by providing resources to educate
14 individuals, communities, colleges and businesses that we all
15 play a role in preventing sexual violence before it occurs;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2016
18 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.