
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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M. N. WRIGHT, APRIL 18, 1994

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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing members of the House of Representatives to
2 recognize April 1994 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" to
3 end sexual violence and celebrate survival.

4 WHEREAS, According to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
5 (PCAR), during fiscal year 1992-1993, the 46 sexual assault
6 centers in the PCAR network served 33,862 clients, 11,940 of
7 whom were adult victims, 8,468 of whom were child victims and
8 13,454 of whom were significant others; and

9 WHEREAS, During 1992-1993, more than 1,000 newly trained
10 volunteers joined thousands of experienced volunteers providing
11 invaluable services, including the operation of telephone
12 hotlines, court and hospital accompaniment and public relations;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Many victims still hesitate to report incidents of
15 sexual violence to the proper authorities because of fear,
16 embarrassment, guilt and distrust due to internal and external

1 social factors; and

2 WHEREAS, Rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters
3 across this Commonwealth are organizing marches, rallies and
4 other events to increase public awareness of the issue of sexual
5 violence, including the display in the Capitol Rotunda this week
6 of wall hangings created by survivors of sexual violence, the
7 making of which was coordinated by the staff of Indiana County's
8 rape crisis and domestic violence shelter, the Alice Paul House;
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize that
11 every citizen of this Commonwealth has the right to live free
12 from the fear of sexual violence whether on the streets or in
13 his or her own home; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 need to promote an awareness of sexual violence and the
16 development of appropriate programs to combat such violence,
17 which tears at the social and moral fabric of our Nation and
18 State; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
20 need for the Commonwealth to provide hospitals, rape crisis
21 centers and other institutions with the necessary resources and
22 support to assist survivors of sexual violence to recover from
23 their tragic experiences; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
25 need to educate children and all citizens of this Commonwealth
26 concerning techniques to prevent sexual violence, as well as
27 providing channels of assistance to help those who do experience
28 sexual violence; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That members of the House of Representatives
30 recognize the need to work with rape crisis centers, hospitals,

1 law enforcement agencies and other public service institutions
2 to help create a social environment in which victims of sexual
3 violence do not suffer from embarrassment, shame, guilt or
4 intimidation when reporting incidents of such violence; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
7 commemoration of April 1994 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month"
8 in an effort to rid society of sexual violence; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all its
11 members to participate within their local communities in the
12 events that will occur in April 1994 to commemorate "Sexual
13 Assault Awareness Month" as well as to work closely throughout
14 the year with rape crisis centers in their districts in
15 recognition of the need to end sexual violence and celebrate
16 life.