
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 756 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY ROZZI, MARCH 24, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 24, 2016

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, According to the National Sexual Violence Resource
6 Center, one in five women and one in 71 men will be sexually
7 assaulted at some point in their lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Most victims of sexual assault are acquainted with
9 their assailants; and

10 WHEREAS, Young people experience heightened rates of sexual
11 violence; and

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

14 WHEREAS, Being the victim of child sexual abuse doubles the
15 likelihood of adult sexual victimization; and

16 WHEREAS, Sexual assault is a significant problem on college
17 campuses; and

18 WHEREAS, One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually

1 assaulted during their college years; and

2 WHEREAS, Sixty-three percent of sexual assaults are never
3 reported to police; and

4 WHEREAS, Lack of reporting incidents of sexual assault allows
5 perpetrators to repeat the crime; and

6 WHEREAS, Sexual assault can have lasting, harmful effects on
7 survivors and their loved ones in our communities; and

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

10 WHEREAS, To help the individual and social progress of our
11 fellow citizens, we must support survivors of sexual assault in
12 times of crisis and throughout their recovery; and

13 WHEREAS, To generate a comprehensive response to sexual
14 violence, we must highlight sexual assault prevention
15 initiatives, enhance opportunities to expose perpetrators,
16 bolster criminal justice programs and commit to breaking cycles
17 of violence and reducing crime rates in our communities; and

18 WHEREAS, The 2016 "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" campaign
19 is focusing on campus sexual violence prevention to create a
20 culture on college campuses of prevention and effective, trauma-
21 informed response; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
23 month of April 2016 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in
24 Pennsylvania.