

2023 RES-016
RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month which was formally established in 2001 by the National Sexual Violence Center and 2023 marks the official 22nd anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an international annual campaign to raise awareness about sexual violence and to educate and mobilize individuals and communities to prevent it and support survivors; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, President Obama was the first President to officially recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

WHEREAS, nationally one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Dane County is the location of the second oldest Rape Crisis Center in the nation and has been a leader in the anti-rape movement along with culturally specific agencies like UNIDOS and Freedom Inc; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be a leader in preventing and ending sexual violence. As employers, educators, parents, and friends, we all have an obligation to uphold the basic principle that every individual should be free from violence and oppression.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2023.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk