

[Recognition of April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month]

Resolution recognizing April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

WHEREAS, Sexual violence remains a pervasive and urgent public health issue affecting individuals of all ages, genders, and backgrounds across the United States; and

WHEREAS, According to *The facts behind the #metoo movement: A national study on sexual harassment and assault*, 81% of women and 43% of men reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment and/or assault in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, According to Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Sex Offenses and Offenders youth between the ages of 12 thru 34 are the highest risk years for rape and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau's Child Maltreatment Survey in 2016 substantiated, or found strong evidence to indicate that, 57,329 children were victims of sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, The Lifetime Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault Assessed in Late Adolescence Health Journal mentions that 1 in 9 girls and 1 in 20 boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse or assault; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement (2000) reported 82% of all juvenile victims are female and 90% of adult rape victims are female; and

WHEREAS, According to Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Sex Offenses and Offenders females ages 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services' 2023 Child Maltreatment Report substantiated 60,273 cases of sexual abuse of children under 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, The alarming frequency of sexual assaults, with someone being sexually assaulted every 68 seconds according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), underscores the pressing need for sustained efforts in prevention, intervention, and support services for survivors; and

WHEREAS, Sexual assault disproportionately affects certain populations, such as American Indians and Alaska Natives, who experience significantly higher rates of victimization, underscoring the need for culturally sensitive and inclusive support services; and

WHEREAS, The effects of child sexual abuse can be long-lasting and victims experience 4 times more likely to develop symptoms of drug abuse, 4 times more likely to experience PTSD as adults, and 3 times more likely to experience a major depressive episode as adults; and

WHEREAS, Collaborations among various agencies and professionals, including law enforcement, healthcare providers, educators, and victim support services, are crucial in addressing and combating sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission will work with organizations that tackle and address sexual assault to bring awareness, prevention efforts, and deter sexual violence in all communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes April 2025 as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission introduce and urge the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and other elected officials representing San Francisco to recognize the month of April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month to educate the impacts of sexual assault amongst young people in the City and County of San Francisco; and therefore be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Youth Commission staff are directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and other elected officials representing San Francisco.

Sponsored by: Commissioner Dang, Listana, Lonné Amir, Alameri