



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
D-3

For the meeting of: April 5, 2016

Date: February 19, 2015
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Mark Lovelace
Subject: Proclaim April 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

DISCUSSION: The Board of Supervisors has been asked to proclaim April 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month to recognize the staff and volunteers and the work they do in our community to end sexualized violence.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

Prepared by Tracy Damico Signature *Mark Lovelace*

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
____ Consent
____ Departmental
____ Public Hearing
XX Other Special
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

Board Order No. _____
Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: April 5, 2016
By: *Kathy Hayes*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, sexualized violence affects children, youth, adults and elders of all genders from all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds with public health and social justice implications for every person in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 7 boys will be sexually victimized by age 18; and

WHEREAS, sex trafficking and exploitation happens in our county and disproportionately impacts the lives of youth in our community; and

WHEREAS, survivors are often blamed while perpetrators are excused, leading to a lack of justice and a continuation of violence; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of the North Coast Rape Crisis Team provide 24-hour services to survivors and their significant others to support those impacted, improve responses and ensure that survivors are not re-victimized; and

WHEREAS, the North Coast Rape Crisis Team continues its commitment to co-advocacy through partnerships with governmental, Tribal and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, promotion of best-practice responses is accomplished through multidisciplinary teams such as the Sexual Assault Response Team and Child Abuse Services Team, as well as collaboratives such as the Inter-Tribal Women's Advocacy Network and Domestic Violence Coordinating Council; and

WHEREAS, the North Coast Rape Crisis Team provides prevention education, self-defense and awareness-raising programs for children, youth and adults; encouraging every person to participate in ending sexualized violence and promoting social justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to the North Coast Rape Crisis Team and its vision – **"A world without violence"** and acknowledges April, 2016, as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.

April 5, 2016


MARK LOVELACE, Chair