

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS)
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION) RESOLUTION NO. 23-046
IN AMADOR COUNTY)


WHEREAS, April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Amador County. Nationally 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will experience sexual assault in their lifetime. Operation Care can provide education, outreach programs and services to sexual assault survivors, their families, and community members in Amador County. Every day women, men and children across California suffer the pain and trauma of sexual assault upon survivors and our Amador County communities. Sexual violence affects individuals of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 2 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women were raped in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, According to The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men in the United States reported sexual coercion victimization during his/her lifetime and every 68 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 9 female teens and 1 in 36 male teens reported experiencing sexual dating violence in the last year. According to the Department of Justice, females ages 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault. WHEREAS, 50% of Transgender youth reported experiencing sexual violence at some point in their lives. According to The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, over 40% of the LGBT community surveyed have experienced some form of sexual violence. According to the California Sexual Assault Coalition (VALOR), incidences of sexual harassment, in California, are 5% higher for women and 10% higher for men than the national average. WHEREAS, According to the Department of Justice, California has the second highest number of forcible rape cases in the United States, with 13,449 reported in 2020. The establishment of Sexual Assault Awareness Month will benefit schools, communities, families, and all youth.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED That the Amador County Board of Supervisors calls upon the people of Amador County, including schools, community groups, families, and youth to observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month, in April, with programs and activities that raise awareness about the dynamics of sexual assault, keeping our community members safe from this crime and to stand with survivors of sexual assault; and that the Amador County Board of Supervisors do hereby find that the Legislature proclaims the month of April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and supports Operation Care and urges all of the people of Amador County to increase awareness about sexual violence, decrease its frequency, hold offenders accountable, support survivors and heal lives.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 11th day of April, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Jeffrey Brown, Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew, Frank Axe, Richard Forster
NOES: None
ABSENT: None



Jeffrey Brown, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California



Deputy