

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** April has been designated as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month to call attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and
- WHEREAS,** statistics show that one in five women and one in 71 men will be sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 are more than twice as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and
- WHEREAS,** child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18; and
- WHEREAS,** we all have a stake in preventing sexual assault, and we all have the power to make a difference. We must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, support survivors, and speak out against harmful sexist attitudes and actions that contribute to sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seattle commits to ending the epidemic of sexual assault, giving survivors the support they need to heal, and building a culture that never tolerates sexual violence;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2015 TO BE, IN OUR CITY

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

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City of Seattle

