

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2017 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.

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

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community and statistics show one in five women and one in seventy-one men will be raped at some point in their lives; 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 age 18; and

WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence and youth ages 12-17 were 2.5 times more likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, on campus, one in five women and one in sixteen men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign is, "Engaging New Voices" and focuses on calling new partners and community members to help expand sexual assault prevention efforts to ensure the next generation fosters attitudes that promote healthy relationships, equality, and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2017, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The Board hereby joins advocates and communities across the nation, the United States Government, and the State of Florida in playing an active role in preventing sexual violence.
2. April 2017 is hereby declared Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Nassau County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

DANIEL B. LEEPER
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's
Signature:

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

MICHAEL S. MULLIN