



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, individuals and organizations across the Silver State are taking a stand against sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault occurs in all communities, is rooted in power and control, and includes all unwanted sexual contact; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence affects people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, family or relationship status, profession, income level, disability status, religion, gender or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the crime of sexual assault violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, and a victim is never to blame, regardless of the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the impact of sexual assault is wide ranging and is a manifestation of power imbalances and inequities; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault can have a long-lasting emotional and physical impact; however, victims show incredible resilience and strength; and

WHEREAS, programs serving victims in Nevada should be honored and celebrated for their tireless efforts; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is an opportunity to participate in activities and programs working towards the elimination of sexual assault;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE SISOLAK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 26th day of March.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Barbara K. Coonster
Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy

