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**April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Agencies Across the State Plan Events to Support Those Affected**

(March 31, 2022) According to the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence ([NCEDSV](#)), they and other advocates and change-makers from across the country have been preparing for months to bring awareness to the general public this April about the prevalence and effects of sexual violence. They say that's because there are almost half a million new victims of rape and sexual assaults each year and someone is sexually assaulted in the U.S. every 68 seconds, according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network ([RAINN](#)).

"We believe in a country where sexual violence can be stopped, but it will require the participation and commitment of every citizen to make that goal a reality," says NCEDSV Communications and Policy Director, Sarah Slavenas. "That means we need politicians, parents, educators and everyday citizens to join our movement to educate, advocate and get involved when they see all forms of sexual violence in order to stop it in its tracks."

Sexual violence is not limited to rape and it doesn't only affect women. Sexual assault takes many forms and is defined differently depending on jurisdictions, but the result is often the same, it causes devastating and long-lasting harm to the victim-survivor and their loved ones. It can occur in relationships, in families, against men and boys, and in many different ways. No matter what though, it is never the victim-survivors fault.

"This year we are deeply grateful to Governor Sisolak for issuing a proclamation declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness Month," says NCEDSV Policy Coordinator, Serena Evans. "When our politicians step up and say 'No more' and show their own commitment to join the fight against this particular form of power-based violence, it can spur others to do the same."

To see what NCEDSV and their partners are doing to highlight the harms of sexual violence, and support victim-survivors, and to find out ways you can get involved, visit their [community events page](#), or to learn more about Sexual Assault Awareness Month in general [click here](#).

About NCEDSV

The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (previously The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence), is the statewide coalition of domestic and sexual violence programs. NCEDSV provides statewide advocacy, education and support to the front-line organizations that help those impacted by domestic and sexual violence. To learn more about services provided by NCEDSV, visit ncedsv.org