



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Every victim of sexual violence must be believed, supported, and heard; and
- WHEREAS: All people deserve to work in environments where sexual violence is not tolerated; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Native American populations are among the communities most heavily affected by sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS: Research reveals that victims of sexual violence often experience long-term consequences such as negative physical, psychological, and social impacts; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the economic costs of sexual violence for victims and their families can be staggering, and include medical expenses, lost productivity, criminal justice activities, and other factors such as victim property loss or damage; and
- WHEREAS: Sexual violence is preventable when there is a change in the culture, attitudes, and norms that promote acceptance of violence; and
- WHEREAS: We all must commit our time, efforts, and resources to prevent and respond to sexual violence in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2018, as:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pimm

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 30th day of March.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR