

RESOLUTION

**Proclaiming the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month
in Cuyahoga County.**

WHEREAS, one in three women and one in three men will experience some sort of sexual violence before the age of 18.

WHEREAS, rape is the most under-reported crime in the United States.

WHEREAS, the impact of sexual assault and sexual violence on the lives of individuals, families and the community is traumatic, profound and long-lasting.

WHEREAS, rape and sexual assault victims have the right to receive advocacy, support, compensation, assistance and help with the physical, emotional and financial impact of crime.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, acknowledge the pain, suffering and courage of sexual assault and rape victims and witnesses as they journey along the path of healing.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has supported collaborative governmental and community efforts with the Cuyahoga County Witness/Victim Service Center, The Children Who Witness Violence Program, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, the Cuyahoga County Department of Children & Family Services, the Cuyahoga County Department of Senior & Adult Services and other municipal and county social service organizations to counter the damage inflicted by sexual crimes.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, acknowledges the services provided to victims of sexual crimes including justice system advocacy, crisis intervention, counseling, legal and social service referrals to crime victims through the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center.

AND, WHEREAS, all Americans dare to dream of a nation where liberty and justice for all includes each and every person touched by sexual assault and sexual crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga, County, Ohio that said Board hereby proclaims the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our individual and collective efforts reflect the ideal that every crime victim be afforded rights, services and fair treatment by the justice system and society and be treated with dignity, respect and compassion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Martin P. Murphy, Acting Director, Department of Justice Affairs.

**On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dimora,
the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

Ayes: Jones, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board pro tem**

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