

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

\_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

PRESENT: Supervisors  
ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.**  
**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2014 AS “SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH” AND APRIL 26, 2014 AS “WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES DAY” IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of San Luis Obispo County; and

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in six women and one in thirty-three men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that 44% of sexual assault survivors are under the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

**WHEREAS**, staff and volunteers of RISE, formerly the Sexual Assault Recovery & Prevention Center and North County Women’s Shelter & Resource Center of San Luis Obispo County, encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small; and

**WHEREAS**, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in San Luis Obispo County through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Luis Obispo strongly supports the efforts of RISE, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, how to Start by Believing when a loved one discloses an experience, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby proclaim April 2014 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and April 26, 2014 as “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Day.” We urge all citizens to help communicate the message that there is something everyone can do to stop sexual violence.

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk