

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: April 27, 2010

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION - Present a Proclamation declaring April 2010 as
"Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Present a Proclamation declaring April 2010 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Placer County.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Board will present a Proclamation to PEACE for Families in support of, "Sexual Assault Awareness Month". PEACE for Families is a non-profit organization in Placer County that provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Their services extend to the cities of Auburn, Lincoln, Rocklin and Roseville. These services include a safe house for battered women and their children, hospital accompaniment for rape survivors, in-person crisis intervention, assistance in obtaining emergency food, clothing, transportation, individual and group counseling, and legal advocacy and accompaniment.

In recognition of the resources utilized towards the goal of ending sexual violence in all communities, Placer County supports, "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" to generate public awareness and support for programs designed to assist victims while working towards eliminating sexual assault crimes in Placer County.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

In the matter of a Proclamation declaring April 2010 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Placer County.

WHEREAS, sexual assault is an intolerable violent crime with public health implications for every person in Placer County as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own—we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victim/survivors; and

WHEREAS, PEACE for Families has led the way in Placer County in addressing sexual assault by providing 24-hour hotline services to victim/survivors and their significant others, responding to emergency calls, offering support and comfort to those impacted by sexual assault during medical exams, criminal proceedings, and empowering those impacted by sexual assault to chart their own course for healing; and

WHEREAS, ending sexual assault in Placer County must include active public and private efforts to *End Sexual Violence* in collaboration with PEACE for Families including conversation about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with crucial counseling and other support services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of sexual assault programs in Placer County work year round to encourage every person in Placer County to *End Sexual Violence* and to support survivors by providing prevention education and survivor empowerment information to schools, churches, civic organizations, as well as medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault issues; and

WHEREAS, PEACE for Families encourages both women and men to take action to *End Sexual Violence*, PEACE for Families supports young men to join the statewide, "My Strength" Campaign by declaring that "My Strength is Not for Hurting"; and

WHEREAS, PEACE for Families has set an important example of how forging collaborative relationships between service agencies and organizations serves to improve the quality of service for those most profoundly and directly impacted by sexual violence, thus setting an important example for how the rest of the community might work together to speak out and find solutions to sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, PEACE for Families requests public support and assistance as it continues its effort to bring real hope for freeing Placer County from the tragedy of sexual violence to create a future where all women, men and children can live free from violence and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT The Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare April 2010 as, "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and encourages all to reflect on the value and importance of doing their part to eliminate sexual assault crimes in Placer County.

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