

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

**DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017 AS
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, in 2016, Lake County agencies responded to the needs of at least 248 sexual assault victims and their significant others and/or family; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own and the partnership between the public and private agencies is invaluable; and

WHEREAS, child sexual assault abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18 (Dube et al., 2005); and ending sexual assault in Lake County must include active public and private effort to **Speak Out Against Sexual Violence**; and it is time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all resident; and

WHEREAS, Lake Family Resource Center has been instrumental in leading the way in the County of Lake in addressing sexual assault by providing 24-hour hotline services, and continuing support, advocacy and accompaniment to victims/survivors and their significant others; and

WHEREAS, Lake Family Resource Center, the District Attorney's office, Victim-Witness Division, local law enforcement agencies, hospitals and schools have set an important example of how forging collaborative relationships improves the quality of service for those impacted by sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate the month of April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 4th as the Sexual Assault Awareness **Day of Action** in Lake County, and urges all local governments, schools, businesses and community members to participate in the sponsored events this month to increase awareness and public support for creating communities free from violence and exploitation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2017.

ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____
Deputy

Chair, Board of Supervisors

