

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

The effects of sexual assault go far beyond the physical. In addition to the physical wounds, victims often suffer emotional and psychological trauma. These effects spread to families, friends and Texas communities, spurring fear, anger and a sense of vulnerability.

Few survivors of sexual violence seek help immediately after victimization due to shame or the fear of not being believed, but this stigma is actively being changed. In order to end sexual assault, we must learn from our past to make a better, brighter future. We must remember the past and claim the future.

As members of a caring society, communities across the state of Texas must unite to remove the stigma of rape. <<Ex: Texans>> must continue the dialogue started by <<Insert Program Name>> in their places of work, schools and homes.

Each year, the month of April provides an opportunity for the <<Insert Program Name>> and rape crisis centers across the state to renew their commitment to serving their community. During this period, educational efforts are intensified, ensuring that Texans are aware of the sexual assault services available in their area.

At this time, therefore, I encourage all <<ex: Texans>> to increase their awareness, as well as the awareness of others, and work to prevent sexual assault in communities across the state. Together, united in this effort, we can continue to make a difference.

Therefore, I, <<Insert Name>>, do hereby proclaim April, 2007, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in <<Insert Locality>> and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.