

# APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH



**"Sexual, racial, gender violence and other forms of discrimination and violence in a culture cannot be eliminated without changing culture."**

**-- Charlotte Bunch**

**\* 3 women are murdered by an intimate partner every day in America!**

**\* 4.8 million American women are physically assaulted every year!**

Violence against women has long been a widespread but little known epidemic affecting local, national and international communities alike. But now people like you and me are speaking out about this serious issue, and by raising awareness, are helping to stop violence against women.

To help states, municipalities, agencies and individuals further the goals of the Violence Against Women Act, the US Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women has worked with Congress and the President to establish months designated to raise awareness about the four crimes included in the bill: January is Stalking Awareness Month; February is Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month; April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

## Do One Thing For A Better World

1. Ask your Mayor or City Council to declare a Proclamation or Resolution for the Month
2. Wear a teal ribbon or a heart on your sleeve
3. Distribute Free Dating Pledge Cards ([StopDatingViolence.org](http://StopDatingViolence.org))
4. Find out if your school has a Dating Violence Policy

**For more info: [StopDatingViolence.org](http://StopDatingViolence.org) \* [NCASA.org](http://NCASA.org) \* [NCVC.org](http://NCVC.org) \* [NSVRC.org](http://NSVRC.org) \* [RAINN.org](http://RAINN.org) \* [SafeYouth.org](http://SafeYouth.org) \* [OVW.USDOJ.gov](http://OVW.USDOJ.gov) \* The National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800-656-4673**

Sample Proclamation:

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and  
WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and  
WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating for not only the survivor, but also for the family and friends of the survivor;  
and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can 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, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence;

NOW THEREFORE be it, Resolved, That I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in \_\_\_\_\_.

Please send a copy of your Mayor or Governor's proclamation to [StopDatingViolence.org](http://StopDatingViolence.org) - The EMILY Fund  
PO Box 430, Roosevelt, NJ 08555-0430,  
or send a scan to 1-888-247-1921 or [info@StopDatingViolence.org](mailto:info@StopDatingViolence.org)

## DO ONE THING

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