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Representatives LaTourette, Antonio

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month,
April 2018.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize Sexual 2
Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, April 2018; and 3

WHEREAS, Sexual assault affects women, men, and children of 4
all social, racial, religious, ethnic, socioeconomic, and age 5
groups. Taking many forms, sexual violence can include incest, 6
child sexual abuse, commercial sex trafficking, sexual harassment, 7
stalking, and acquaintance, stranger, spousal, and gang rape, and 8
nearly seventy percent of these crimes are committed by 9
individuals who are known to the victim; and 10

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and 11
Prevention, approximately one in five women and one in seventy-one 12
men surveyed in the United States in 2010 experienced a rape or an 13
attempted rape at some point in their lives, with children and 14
young adults being at a significant risk of this crime. Along with 15
the immediate physical and emotional costs of sexual assault, the 16
victims can have such adverse consequences as 17
post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, major depression, 18
homelessness, eating disorders, and suicide, proving that sexual 19
assault survivors suffer from emotional scars long after the 20
physical scars have healed; and 21

WHEREAS, On the occasion of Sexual Assault Awareness and 22
Prevention Month, it is appropriate that we recognize and affirm 23
the efforts of all those associated with advocacy groups that are 24
working to educate the public about sexual violence awareness and 25
prevention, for they have displayed an unwavering commitment to 26

meeting the needs of millions of men, women, and children who 27
struggle with the physical and emotional ramifications of such an 28
experience. We are certain that these fine individuals will 29
continue their devotion to excellence long into the future; 30
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 33
this Resolution, recognize April 2018 as Sexual Assault Awareness 34
and Prevention Month and urge all Ohioans to take part in 35
appropriate programs and activities in support of this special 36
observance; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 38
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 39
media of Ohio. 40