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Representative LaTourette

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month,
April 2019.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2019 2
as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month as designated by 3
President Donald Trump; and 4

WHEREAS, Sexual assault affects women, men, and children of 5
all social, racial, religious, ethnic, socioeconomic, and age 6
groups. Taking many forms, sexual violence can include incest, 7
child sexual abuse, commercial sex trafficking, sexual harassment, 8
stalking, and acquaintance, stranger, spousal, and gang rape, and 9
nearly seventy percent of these crimes are committed by 10
individuals who are known to the victim; and 11

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and 12
Prevention, approximately one in five women and one in seventy-one 13
men surveyed in the United States in 2010 experienced a rape or an 14
attempted rape at some point in their lives, with children and 15
young adults being at a significant risk of this crime. Along with 16
the immediate physical and emotional costs of sexual assault, the 17
victims can have such adverse consequences as post-traumatic 18
stress disorder, substance abuse, major depression, homelessness, 19
eating disorders, and suicide, proving that sexual assault 20
survivors suffer from emotional scars long after the physical 21
scars have healed; and 22

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

prevention, for they have displayed an unwavering commitment to 27
meeting the needs of millions of men, women, and children who 28
struggle with the physical and emotional ramifications of such an 29
experience. We are certain that these fine individuals will 30
continue their devotion to excellence long into the future; 31
therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 33
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 34
this Resolution, recognize April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness 35
and Prevention Month and urge all Ohioans to take part in 36
appropriate programs and activities in support of this special 37
observance; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 39
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 40
media of Ohio. 41