

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<p><b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month <b>DEPARTMENT:</b> CMO/CCK <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk</p>
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**ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Observed nationally since April 1, 2001 Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an annual campaign to raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence.

The King County Sexual Assault Resource Center's (KSARC) purpose is to alleviate, as much as possible, the trauma of sexual assault for victims and their families. KSARC's mission is to give voice to victims, their families, and the community; create change in beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors about violence; and instill courage for people to speak out about sexual assault.

Mayor Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, has invited all 36 mayors in the Sound Cities Association to take the pledge to promote Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April and make a meaningful difference in our communities. The City of Shoreline strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence.

Kerry Burke, KSARC Development Officer, will be on hand to accept the proclamation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Mayor should read the proclamation.

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **MK**



## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, observed nationally since, 2001, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an annual campaign to raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is an intolerable violent crime that impacts our families, homes, communities, schools, and workplaces on a daily bases; and

WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence and prevention must be a priority to confront that reality; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Shoreline

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Christopher Roberts, Mayor