



# BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5682  
April 21, 2020  
Consent Calendar

## AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 5682: Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Proclaim April 2020 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Mercer Island	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Youth and Family Services
<b>STAFF:</b>	Cindy Goodwin, YFS Director
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

## SUMMARY

In the United States, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it. The attention SAAM generates is an opportunity to energize and expand prevention efforts throughout the year. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center's theme for SAAM 2020 is "Shine a Light." By proclaiming support for survivors and their families and speaking out loud about how sexual violence affects our communities, we spotlight the issue, and engage the whole community in this important conversation.

When we allow space in our communities for informed conversations –in our schools, in our homes, in the public square – we signal to survivors we want to hear from them, and we empower them to speak up and seek help. Hearing "I believe you, I want to help support you, and I know where you can get help right now" is an important first message all survivors need to begin healing.

## RECOMMENDATION

Mayor proclaims April 2020 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Mercer Island