



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6052
April 5, 2022
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6052: Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Proclamation No. 287	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Proclaim April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Mercer Island.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council		
STAFF:	Salim Nice, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk		
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a		
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 287		
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This agenda bill is to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness month and join other King County cities as a part of a regional and national effort to educate communities about ways to recognize, respond to, and help end sexual violence.

BACKGROUND

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The National Sexual Violence Resource Center's theme for SAAM 2022 is "Building Safe Online Spaces Together." This year, local advocates will focus on steps to build safe online spaces for everyone.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

While there are upsides and opportunities inherent in online spaces, the expanded presence of technology has also presented risks, especially for young people. As savvy as many young people are at navigating this space, it is important to make sure they know how to respectfully interact and engage with others, how to be savvy media consumers, and to know where resources exist for fact-based information, both "in real life" and how those lessons apply to online interactions. To be effective in shifting attitudes and behaviors, those lessons must be reinforced and supported at home, in school, and in neighborhoods.

KING COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER

King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) provides sexual assault-related services for people of all ages in King County, WA, while working toward the ultimate goal of eliminating sexual violence and abuse from local communities. They are on the frontline with victims and their families, ensuring that all people affected by sexual assault get the treatment they need and advocacy they deserve. They are also at the forefront of change, guiding public policy development, and delivering best practice education to create safer environments for everyone. To talk with someone, email <https://www.kcsarc.org/gethelp> or call 888.99.VOICE.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Proclaim April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Mercer Island and encourage residents to join advocates and communities throughout King County in taking action to ensure that online communities are safe and respectful for everyone and prevent sexual violence by standing with survivors.