



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6439  
April 2, 2024  
Consent Agenda**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6439: Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Proclamation No. 325	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Proclaim April 2024 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Mercer Island.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council
<b>STAFF:</b>	Salim Nice, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Proclamation No. 325
<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

**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.

**ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

Every April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual harassment, assault, and abuse are widespread and impact every person in the community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it.

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center’s theme for SAAM 2024 is “Building Connected Communities.” The campaign calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to strive to create strong, connected communities that care of one another and that make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of all members to end sexual violence worldwide.

Systems of oppression such as racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ageism, and ableism contribute to higher sexual harassment, assault, and abuse rates. Stopping sexual abuse, assault, and harassment before they happen through working together to support healthy, safe, and respectful behaviors and environments

within the community. Building a connected community can help to address the social and structural determinants of health such as education, income, employment, community safety, and social support is crucial to improving the conditions in which we live, learn, work, and play.

#### **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**

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