



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

**AB 6654  
April 1, 2025  
Consent Agenda**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6654: Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month, Proclamation No. 355	<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>	Approve Proclamation No. 355 Proclaiming April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month on 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. 355
<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**

The purpose of this agenda bill is to proclaim April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention month on Mercer Island with Proclamation No. 355 (Exhibit 1) and join other King County cities as a part of a regional and national effort to education communities about ways to recognize, respond to, prevent, and help end sexual violence.

**BACKGROUND**

Every April, Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month (SAAPM) 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.

**ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center’s theme for SAAPM 2025 is “Together We Act, United We Change.” The campaign calls on individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to strive to work together as a community to alleviate the trauma of sexual violence by ensuring supportive resources are available to all survivors, and to stand up and actively disrupt harmful attitudes and behaviors that contribute to sexual violence.

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. United together the 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 to 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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