



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6247
April 4, 2023
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6247: Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Proclamation No. 304	<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 2023 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. 304
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

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.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center’s theme for SAAM 2023 is “Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity.” The campaign calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect.

Systems of oppression such as racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ageism, and ableism contribute to higher sexual harassment, assault, and abuse rates. Often, we are unaware of how historical conditions have shaped our lives and how we move throughout the world, specifically, forms of privilege with the many

identities we each hold. Drawing connections between ourselves, history, and the world around us is necessary for changing the future. As we work towards a future without sexual violence, we all must respond to the needs of those most impacted by systemic oppression.

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.

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