

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault reports that one in three women, one in six men, and nearly half of transgender adults in Wisconsin will experience contact sexual violence at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment and assault remains a pervasive problem on college campuses and in the work place, and, according to the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network, one in nine girls and one in 53 boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse or assault at the hands of an adult; and

WHEREAS, women of color are disproportionately impacted by sexual violence, and historically marginalized communities face additional barriers to reporting and accessing culturally appropriate support services; and

WHEREAS, the #MeToo movement, founded and led Tarana Burke, has prompted survivors to use their voices to raise awareness and share their stories, and topics like #Believe Survivors and #WhyIDidntReport have garnered unprecedented media attention; and

WHEREAS, all survivors deserve to be believed, regardless of when they come forward; and

WHEREAS, this Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the State of Wisconsin joins survivors and advocates across our state to raise public awareness about the prevalence of sexual violence, to educate communities on how to prevent it, and to implore corporate leaders and policy makers to implement systems and laws that ensure survivors can obtain justice and offenders are held accountable;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2020 as


SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great
Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed.
Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison
this 24th day of March 2020.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By _____ Governor


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State