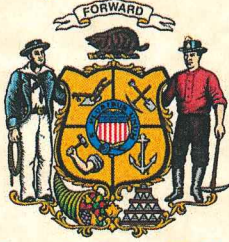


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; one in three women and one in six men in Wisconsin will experience sexual violence at some point in their lives; and

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

WHEREAS; child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in 10 kids will be sexually abused before the age of 18; and

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

WHEREAS; we cannot end sexual violence without ending all forms of oppression; and

WHEREAS; the #MeToo movement, founded by Tarana Burke, has prompted survivors to use their voices to raise awareness and share their stories through social media, including hashtag campaigns #BelieveSurvivors and #WhyIDidn'tReport, which garnered unprecedented media attention; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's National Sexual Assault Awareness Month's campaign is 'I Ask' to raise awareness that consent is about always choosing to respect the personal and emotional boundaries of others; and


WHEREAS; Sexual Assault Awareness Month seeks to increase public awareness about sexual violence and how we can work together to prevent sexual violence from occurring; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

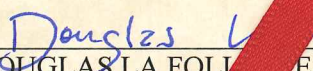
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 29th day of March 2019.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

