

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Sexual assault affects every person of Oregon as a victim-survivor or as a family member, friend, neighbor, employer, or co-worker of a victim-survivor; and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that one out of six adult women in Oregon has been the victim of forcible rape sometime in her lifetime; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to recognize that sexual violence is preventable; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to encourage healthy, non-violent interactions and diminish aspects of society that promote and support sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to broaden the scope and increase the effectiveness of sexual violence prevention efforts through partnerships; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to survivors and work to prevent sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS:** Every individual and community in Oregon has the ability to help eliminate sexual violence by working together to promote social change.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2008** to be

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, March 18, 2008.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury
Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State