

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA EXPRESSING THE
5 SENTIMENT THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS' DAY ON NOVEMBER
6 6 OF EACH YEAR; AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO ISSUE A
7 PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 6 OF EACH YEAR AS SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS' DAY.

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9 WHEREAS, it is the sentiment of the House of Representatives that the purpose of Sexual Assault
10 Survivors' Day is to recognize and honor the courage of survivors, bring awareness to the issue of sexual assault,
11 and inform individuals on how they can stop sexual violence before it happens by promoting safety and respect;
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13 WHEREAS, the goal of Sexual Assault Survivors' Day is to raise public awareness about victims of sexual
14 violence and educate communities on how to prevent it; and

15 WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Survivors' Day calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread
16 and impacts every person in the state; and

17 WHEREAS, the crimes of sexual assault and rape not only creates victims but also secondary victims
18 who also survive levels of trauma, and Sexual Assault Survivors' Day would honor those who are left to pick up
19 the pieces alongside their loved ones; and

20 WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community and our state, and
21 statistics show one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

22 WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys
23 and one in four girls will experience sexual assault before age 18; and

24 WHEREAS, on campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time
25 in college; and

26 WHEREAS, our words shape the world around us, and whether a person speaks out against
27 inappropriate talk or helps someone better understand these issues, a person's voice is powerful and necessary
28 in this conversation; and

29 WHEREAS, individuals can embrace their voices to show their support for survivors, stand up to victim
30 blaming, shut down rape jokes, correct harmful misconceptions, promote everyday consent, and practice healthy

1 communication with kids; and

2 WHEREAS, we join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to honor the courage
3 of survivors of sexual assault and prevent sexual violence, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create
4 change for the future.

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6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
7 MONTANA:

8 That it is the sentiment of the members of this House of Representatives that the Governor recognize
9 November 6 of each year as Sexual Assault Survivors' Day.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives requests the Governor of the State of
11 Montana to designate November 6 of each year as Sexual Assault Survivors' Day and issue a proclamation
12 recognizing that day and marking the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the House deliver a copy of this resolution to the
14 Governor of the State of Montana.

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