



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects many people of Montgomery who are victim-survivors, as well as their family members, significant others, neighbors and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Montgomery, Lighthouse Counseling Center's Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) Program, the Family Sunshine Center, and the Domestic Violence Task Force are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that continued educational efforts to provide information about prevention and services for sexual assault be supported and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to intensify public awareness of sexual assault, to educate people about the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce sexual violence, to increase support for agencies providing sexual assault services, and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Montgomery, Lighthouse Counseling Center's Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) Program, the Family Sunshine Center, and the Domestic Violence Task Force have dedicated their lives to ending sexual violence in Montgomery through their efforts to assist victims, educate the public about prevention, advocate for survivors, and lobbying for legislative support in the fight to make Montgomery a rape free city; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Montgomery's citizens tomorrow depends on our vigilance against sexual assault today, we join in asking our fellow citizens to increase their awareness and learn how to prevent sexual assault and all other forms of violence in communities across Alabama; and

WHEREAS, each year the month of April provides an opportunity for crisis centers across the state to renew their commitment to serve their communities and to intensify educational efforts to ensure that Alabamians are aware of sexual assault services available in their area;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2019, as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 15th day of March 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor