

PROCLAMATION

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 2013

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of the Village of Barrington; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and violence impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in seventy-one men will be raped at some time in their lives (Black et al., 2011); and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age of eighteen (Dube et al., 2005); and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs at Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in the Village of Barrington through increased education, awareness, and community involvement, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Barrington strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It's time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action, and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, KAREN DARCH, President of the Village of Barrington, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** in the Village of Barrington and urge all citizens to join advocates and communities across the country to play an active role to prevent sexual violence.*

Given under my hand and seal of the Village of Barrington this eleventh day of February, 2013.

Karen Y. Darch
Village President