

RESOLUTION

Presented to the
Ohio National Guard
In Recognition of
April 2013 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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; and,

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college and one in three veterans will experience military sexual trauma; 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, military personnel, staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs in Franklin County encourage every person to speak out and intervene 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 our communities through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio National Guard strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence how to prevent it is, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence; now, therefore, upon motion of Commissioner Brooks, seconded by Commissioner Brown;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That the Franklin County Board of Commissioners join the Ohio National Guard Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office, and anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs, in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence, and do hereby proclaim April 2013 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Voting Aye thereon:


John O'Grady, President


Paula Brooks


Marilyn Brown

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

