



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sexual violence against the citizens of Wisconsin continues at an unacceptable rate; each year affecting many thousands of people in Wisconsin of all genders, ages and abilities; of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and of all sexual orientations; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence is encouraged by--and in turn reinforces--systems of oppression within society; compelling each of us to take responsibility for teaching our young boys and girls about respect and healthy relationships; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we are all responsible for modeling good behavior; and

WHEREAS, continued commitment is needed to ensure that all victims and survivors of sexual violence are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve, and afforded the support they need to heal; and

WHEREAS, to prevent the future violation of our citizens, it is imperative that we foster greater public awareness of the causes and effects of sexual violence and commit to addressing this problem on every civic level; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin sexual assault programs, other professionals and supporters have joined together as the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault in order to promote the social change necessary to end sexual violence focusing this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month on Primary Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) requests public support and assistance as it works toward a society where all people can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation; and

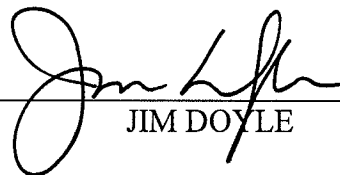
WHEREAS, the vision of ending sexual violence can be a reality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin do hereby proclaim April 2009 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in the state of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twelfth day of January in the year two thousand nine.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State