



The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

March 3, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Throughout April, the SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA) and the 15 Sexual Assault Service Centers across the state will be organizing a series of events to help encourage every member of the state to learn more about sexual violence, what it is, how to prevent it, and helping survivors heal from this most personal violation.

According to the World Health Organization, violence against women is a global health crisis of epidemic proportions. In 2014, our 15 sexual assault member organizations across South Carolina served 5,513 primary survivors and 1,950 secondary survivors of sexual abuse. The service centers also responded to 3,820 survivor via their hotlines, and ensured a supportive response to 1,274 hospital calls. It is also important to note that these service centers provided prevention training to over 65,000 K-12 students across the state.

SCCADVASA would be honored if you would sponsor an official proclamation to recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in South Carolina.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me to confirm your support of these critical violence prevention efforts. We look forward to partnering with you to end Sexual Violence in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

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