

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 522

By Freeman

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the month of April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the month of April is commemorated nationally as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM); and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in the community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities about how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, as widespread as sexual violence is, it is still one of the most underreported crimes in our society, often leaving survivors to deal with the destructive aftermath; and

WHEREAS, many organizations statewide, including the Sexual Assault Center (SAC), have dedicated themselves to helping victims/survivors find healing and to prevent sexual violence from continuing; and

WHEREAS, SAC has built a network of partnerships, advocates, donors, and volunteers to help remind survivors that they are heard, they are seen, and they are believed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the Sexual Assault Center in commemorating the month of April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Tennessee and applaud their efforts to support sexual assault survivors and raise awareness around the issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.