

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

April - Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 24, 2024, Wear Denim Day

- Whereas,** Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the observance of “Denim Day” draw attention to the fact that sexual violence -including sexual assault, sexual harassment and sexual abuse -is widespread; and
- Whereas,** sexual violence has mental and physical health implications for survivors, as well as public health consequences for the entire community; and
- Whereas,** statistics indicate that every 68 seconds, someone in the U.S.A. is sexually assaulted, and every 9 minutes the victim is a child; and
- Whereas,** violence and abuse decrease in supportive and connected communities that promote respect, health, safety, and well-being for everyone; and
- Whereas,** anti-violence and prevention programs in Middlesex County including the Middlesex County Center for Empowerment and Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition, promote challenging norms and practices linked to a culture of violence, increasing all forms of equity, and prioritizing the health and well-being of survivors and the rest of the community; and
- Whereas,** the New Jersey Sex Crimes Officers Association and the Middlesex County Sex Crimes Liaison Officers in connection with the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office are dedicated to ensuring the effective investigation and prosecution of sex crimes in our community through interagency collaboration and training; and
- Whereas,** with commitment, we can reduce sexual violence in Middlesex County by: raising awareness, cultivating healthy individuals -relationships - spaces and communities, challenging all forms of oppression, increasing all forms of equity, supporting survivors and holding perpetrators of violence accountable; and
- Whereas,** throughout the month of April, the Township of Monroe and Middlesex County 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 is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH and urge all citizens to “Wear Denim” on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 in the Township of Monroe.

Dated: April 1, 2024


STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR