Proclamation

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

Whereas, in Washington State, 45% of women and 22% of men report having experienced sexual violence in their lifetime; and

Whereas, in King County, 6,657 adults and children received sexual assault services at accredited Community Sexual Assault Programs last year; and

Whereas, nationally, one in five children under 18 are sexually abused; and in King County last year, 2,000 children and youth who have been sexually abused received services from the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center; and

Whereas, in 2016, 18% of 10th graders in Washington reported that they had been made to engage in unwanted kissing or sexual contact; and

Whereas, negative impacts of sexual violence trauma on women, men, children, and youth include fear, concern for safety, symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, injury, and missed work or school; and

Whereas, working together to educate our community about sexual violence, support survivors when they come forward, speak out against harmful attitudes and actions, and engage in best-practice sexual violence prevention work helps end sexual violence;

Now, therefore, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim April 2018 to be

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance, and join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 2nd day of April, 2018.

Denis Law, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington