



It's time ... to talk about it! Your voice. Our future. Prevent sexual violence.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Scappoose and Columbia County; and

Whereas, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011); and

Whereas, Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18 (Dube et al., 2005); and

Whereas, Young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault (Snyder & Sickmund, 2006); and

Whereas, We must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

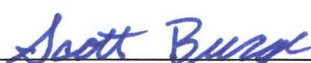
Whereas, With leadership and dedication, we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in Scappoose by increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; and

Whereas, SAFE of Columbia County and the City of Scappoose strongly support the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It's time for all of us to take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

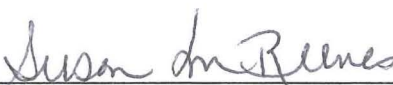
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Mayor Scott Burge, join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of Oregon, I do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Scappoose, to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Scappoose, Oregon, on this 7th day of April, 2014.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON



Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: 

Susan M. Reeves, MMC, City Recorder