



City of Richmond  
**Proclamation**  
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**Recognize April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault is a pervasive and damaging crime that affects individuals and communities across the nation, and research indicates that one in three women, one in six men, and one in four transgender or nonbinary individuals will experience sexual assault in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, every 68 seconds an individual in the United States is sexually assaulted, and only around 25% of reported cases result in arrest and less than 10% lead to a conviction, underscoring the need for systemic change and support for survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond recognizes that sexual assault is a serious and violent crime that has a devastating impact on survivors and their families, and on the safety and well-being of our community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, studies show that 80% of victims know their perpetrator, highlighting the importance of addressing sexual assault prevention within families, relationships, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond is committed to raising awareness about sexual assault, promoting prevention strategies, and providing support to survivors of sexual assault and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, providing an opportunity for all to increase their understanding of this issue and take action to support survivors and prevent sexual assault;

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Mayor Eduardo Martinez, on behalf of the Richmond City Council, do hereby designate April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and urge all residents to observe this month by taking steps to prevent sexual assault, supporting survivors of sexual assault, and promoting greater understanding of this issue in our community.

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**Mayor Eduardo Martinez**

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