

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 288556

ADOPTED ON APR 28 1997

WHEREAS, sexual violence against women, children and men continues to escalate, affecting many San Diegans either directly or indirectly; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Community Solutions runs the only Rape Crisis Center in The City of San Diego, a center committed to creating a violence-free San Diego by building bridges between people and fostering a safe and healthy environment for our families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Community Solutions has been providing invaluable services and assistance to sexual assault survivors and their loved ones since 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Community Solutions promotes sexual assault prevention by offering educational programs to schools, the faith community, and civic organizations as well as professional training to medical, mental health, law enforcement, education and criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Community Solutions, and other victim advocacy agencies, law enforcement, medical personnel and other professionals formed the San Diego Sexual Assault Response Team (S.A.R.T.) to provide the residents of our county with a multi-disciplinary, victim-sensitive approach to sexual assault cases; and

WHEREAS, by working together, the Center for Community Solutions and The City of San Diego can make considerable progress in creating violence-free communities; NOW,
THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby proclaims the month of April 1997 to be "**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**" in San Diego, and commends the Center for Community Solutions for their commitment to assist survivors of sexual assault and educate organizations about healthy solutions on both a personal and organizational level.

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