

**OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS sexual violence is a devastating and intolerable crime, affecting men, women, and children of all races, ages, cultures, economic situations, and abilities;

WHEREAS sexual violence is a major social problem in homes, schools, and communities resulting in countless physical, mental, and other health consequences; and

WHEREAS sexual violence seriously affects our youth, with one out of every three girls and one out of every six boys being sexually abused before the age of 18; and

WHEREAS a 2005 survey of high school students found that 10.8 percent of girls and 4.2 percent of boys from grades nine to twelve were forced to have sexual intercourse at some time in their lives; and

WHEREAS a study of college women found that 13.7 percent of undergraduate women had been victims of at least one completed sexual assault since entering college; and

WHEREAS rape remains the most underreported crime in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority reported over 90,000 cases of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS Hanover Township, in conjunction with other organizations nationwide, designates the month of April as an additional opportunity to promote awareness and prevention of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS Hanover Township Mental Health Board promotes services for survivors of sexual violence through funding of our support agencies; and is committed to preventing sexual violence through education and community action and promoting equality, safety, and respect among all individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the, Hanover Township Board of the Township of Hanover, Cook County, Illinois do hereby proclaim April 2009, Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Hanover Township, and urge all citizens and communities to participate fully in activities and events to observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

DATED: April 14, 2009

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE TOWNSHIP TO BE AFFIXED HERETO.

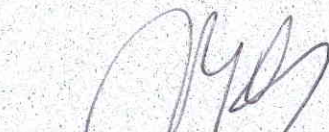
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