

Isle of Palms, SC

Mayoral Proclamation

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WHEREAS, People Against Rape (PAR) was established in the City of Charleston in 1974 to provide advocacy services to adult victims of sexual assault, and was the first rape crisis center created in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, PAR celebrates more than 40 years of serving survivors and their families in the tri-county area and commits to continually improving services; and

WHEREAS, PAR volunteers strive to provide high-quality advocacy and support services to all survivors of sexual violence, and to empower them during their healing process; and

WHEREAS, PAR's volunteers provide confidential advocacy services to survivors of sexual violence and abuse, responding to calls 24/7 through its Crisis Hotline, accompanying victims through the evidentiary medical exam, and providing them emotional support and factual information about the protocol and procedures associated with the aftermath of a sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, PAR advocates make a critical difference in the lives of victims at a most stressful time, and victims have confirmed that having a PAR advocate was key to their recovery; and

WHEREAS, PAR will provide a forum for education and awareness of sexual assault and related issues, and encourages survivors and friends to speak out against sexual assault through its Pouring for PAR Sexual Assault Awareness Month Kick-Off Benefit, "Take Back the Night" March and Candlelight Vigil and "Survivors' Speak-Out" Candlelight Vigil events on April 1st, April 14th and April 21st, respectively;

NOW THEREFORE, I, The Honorable Richard F. Cronin, Mayor of Isle of Palms, do proclaim April as

No More Silence, No More Violence SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the city and encourage all citizens to recognize the important role that People Against Rape plays in supporting victims and educating the public about sexual violence.