

A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE AGAINST RAPE

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

WHEREAS, PAR celebrates 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 women and men who are 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 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 "Take Back the Night" Rally on April 17, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE, I, The Honorable Richard F. Cronin, Mayor of the City of Isle of Palms, do proclaim April 17th, 2014 as

Shatter the Silence, Stop the Violence Day

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 assaults.



Dick Cronin, Mayor

