



MARBLEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month - April 2025

WHEREAS, sexual violence is a pervasive issue that affects individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and communities, with lasting and profound effects on survivors, families, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness, educate communities, and promote prevention efforts to end sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics, one in three women and one in six men experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime, highlighting the urgent need for awareness, support, and action; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as HAWC - Healing Abuse Working for Change, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, and local crisis centers provide vital services, advocacy, and education to support survivors and prevent future incidents; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community can play a role in preventing sexual violence by promoting a culture of respect, consent, and safety, and by standing in solidarity with survivors; and

WHEREAS, the Marblehead Public Schools joins advocates, survivors, and organizations across the nation in recognizing the importance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and affirms its commitment to supporting survivors and working toward a future free from sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Marblehead School Committee, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Marblehead Public Schools and encourage all our community members to participate in activities, educational programs, and initiatives that raise awareness and foster a community dedicated to ending sexual violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 17th day of April 2025.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schaeffner- School Committee Chair

Alison Taylor -Vice-Chair

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