

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

PROCLAMATION

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, *Sexual Assault Awareness Month* is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in seventy-one men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011); and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18 (Dube et al., 2005); and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in Lewis County through increased education, awareness, and community involvement; and

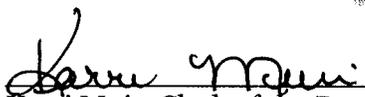
WHEREAS, Lewis County strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It's time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of County Commissioners, join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of Washington, we do hereby proclaim April as "*Sexual Assault Awareness Month*."

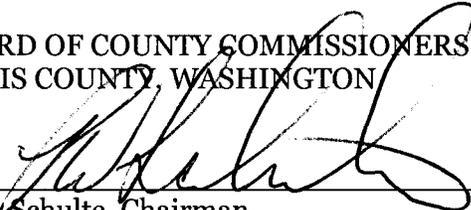
DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 8th day of April, 2013.

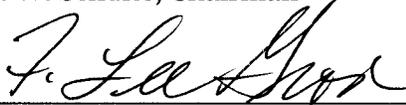


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