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[Sexual Assault Survivor Day - October 6]

Resolution declaring October 6 as "Sexual Assault Survivor Day" annually in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, The US Department of Justice has reported that an American is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds; and

WHEREAS, According to RAINN, 1 in 3 women in the U.S. will experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime, and one in every six American women have been victim to rape or attempted rape; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that 2 in 3 rapes go unreported, and thus are not included in published data from the Justice Department; and

WHEREAS, The "Me Too" movement, spurred by activist Tarana Burke and popularized on social media in October 2017 by the #MeToo hashtag, sparked a national conversation about the prevalence of sexual assault in America; and

WHEREAS, The "Me Too" movement created space for sexual assault survivors to step forward and name their abusers, in the hope of creating more accountability; and

WHEREAS, On September 27, 2018, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford testified before the US Senate Judiciary Committee about her experience with teenage sexual assault, in order for the Committee to determine her "credibility"; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her testimony, 1,600 men placed a print ad in the September 26, 2018 New York Times, stating "We believe Anita Hill. We Also Believe Christine Blasey Ford."; reinforcing the importance of credibility and the role of male allies in the national conversation about sexual assault through the hashtag #1600men; and

WHEREAS, Sexual assault survivors that do not immediately report their experiences cite embarrassment, the limited support networks for sexual assault, the belief that the police cannot or will not help, or that their experience will be questioned and not believed; and

WHEREAS, Public, national conversation about the prevalence of sexual assault can reinforce the validity of survivors' claims, in turn increasing the likelihood of self-reporting; and

WHEREAS, The reporting rate for sexual assault is believed to have increased since the beginning of the "Me Too" movement, as the New York Police Department citing a 32 percent increase in reported rape cases, and San Francisco Police Department citing a 7 percent increase; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to supporting and believing sexual assault survivors, through increased awareness, support networks, and evaluating reporting and response infrastructure in the City's law enforcement system; and

WHEREAS, October is Domestic Violence Awareness month in San Francisco; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby declare the day of October 6 as annual "Sexual Assault Survivor Day" in the City and County of San Francisco.

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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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