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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Communities across the state and around the country  
2 are observing April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 2001 by the National Sexual Violence  
4 Resource Center, the event was officially recognized by President  
5 Barack Obama eight years later to remind Americans of the shocking  
6 prevalence of this crime; and

7 WHEREAS, In the U.S., one in three women and one in six men  
8 experience some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime,  
9 and 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men are raped; rape is the most  
10 underreported crime, and over 60 percent of sexual assaults are not  
11 reported to the police; similarly, a quarter of all girls and a  
12 sixth of all boys are sexually abused before the age of 18, but only  
13 12 percent of child sexual abuse is ever disclosed to the  
14 authorities; and

15 WHEREAS, Annually, crimes of sexual violence cost the  
16 U.S. billions of dollars, and health care costs are shown to be 16  
17 percent higher for women who were sexually abused as children and 36  
18 percent higher for women who suffered both physical and sexual  
19 abuse in childhood; and

20 WHEREAS, Vigilance against sexual assault is crucial to the  
21 safety and well-being of Texans, and this observance provides an  
22 opportunity to learn more about prevention while saluting those who  
23 work every day to eliminate this crime; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness  
2 Month in Texas.