



# The City of Morgantown

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Office of the Mayor

## PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Monongalia County; and
- Whereas,** rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one of five women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college (Fisher, Cullen & Turner, 200); and
- Whereas,** we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and
- Whereas,** staff and volunteers of West Virginia sexual assault programs and other professionals have come together as the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information Services (WV FRIS) to support each other in their work and provide the State of West Virginia and its citizens with a central source of information on sexual assault; and
- Whereas,** with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Monongalia County through prevention education, increased awareness and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and
- Whereas,** the Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center (RDVIC) strongly supports the efforts of national, state and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

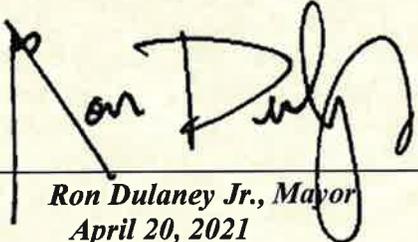
**Now therefore be it resolved,** that I, Ron Dulaney Jr., Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia, on behalf of the City Council, join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Along with the United States government and the State of West Virginia, the Council does hereby proclaim April 2021 as

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in Monongalia County and applauds the efforts of the many victim service providers, police officers, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about sexual assault.

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Ron Dulaney Jr., Mayor  
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