



## Legislation Text

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A Resolution Designating April 12, 2016 as Start by Believing day in support of victims of violent crime

**Presenter:**

Mayor John Suthers

**Summary:**

Start by Believing is a public awareness campaign designed by End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) to change the way our communities respond to rape and sexual assault. Start by Believing is a public awareness campaign uniquely focused on the public response to sexual assault. Because a friend or family member is typically the first person a victim confides in after an assault, each individual's personal reaction is the first step in a long path toward justice and healing. Knowing how to respond is critical-a negative response can worsen the trauma and foster an environment where perpetrators face zero consequences for their crimes.

**Previous Council Action:**

N/A

**Background:**

N/A

**Financial Implications:**

N/A

**Board/Commission Recommendation:**

N/A

**Stakeholder Process:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Proposed Motion:**

N/A

N/A