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## **Congress Affirms April National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month**

Led by Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), the House today passed H. Con. Res. 330, supporting the goals and ideals of recognizing April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

Studies show that one in six women and one in thirty-three men will be a victim of rape or attempted rape in their lifetime and that on average, a person is sexually assaulted in the U.S. every two-and-a-half minutes. There is a clear and significant need for more public education and awareness.

“The statistics are staggering, but they only tell part of the story,” said Baldwin. “Recognizing National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month provides a special opportunity to educate people about sexual violence. Our goal in Congress is to encourage the prevention of sexual assault, the improved treatment of its survivors, and the prosecution of its perpetrators,” Baldwin said.

“We welcome this Congressional recognition and applaud Congresswoman Baldwin’s leadership on this important issue,” said Linda Morrison, Executive Director, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault. “It’s important that we work to eliminate sexual violence individually and at the local, state, and federal levels,” Morrison said.

Only 41% of sexual assault survivors pursue prosecution by reporting their attack to law enforcement officials, and despite the support services offered by the National Sexual Assault Hotline and more than 1,000 crisis centers nationwide, fewer than 50% of survivors ever tell anyone about their experience.

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