

Senators Hertel, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Gregory, Conyers, Young and Ananich offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 158.

A resolution to recognize April 26, 2018, as Survivor Empowerment Day.

Whereas, Sexual assault is an endemic in our society, with one in three women and one in six men experiencing some form of sexual violence in their lifetime; and

Whereas, Incidents of sexual assault are exponentially higher on college campuses, where women ages 18-24 are three times more likely to experience sexual assault; and

Whereas, Despite this pervasiveness, an estimated 63 percent of sexual assaults and 90 percent of campus sexual assaults are not reported; and

Whereas, In order to create meaningful cultural and systemic change to end sexual violence, the voices of survivors who bravely come forward must be heard and uplifted; and

Whereas, We encourage survivors to embrace their voice and realize their power to become agents of change; and

Whereas, Survivor Empowerment Day is intended to promote a society where survivors of sexual assault are believed, supported, and strengthened; and

Whereas, We recognize the continuing need to bring awareness to this issue and stand in solidarity with every survivor of sexual assault; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recongize April 26, 2018, as Survivor Empowerment Day.