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Expressing support for the designation of September 2025 as National  
Campus Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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# RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of September 2025  
as National Campus Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Whereas freshmen and sophomores in college are at a greater  
risk of being sexually assaulted than juniors or seniors;

Whereas college students are at a higher risk of sexual as-  
sault during the first few months of school, with more  
than 50 percent of college sexual assaults occurring in ei-  
ther August, September, October, or November;

Whereas many college students are survivors of “incapaci-  
tated assault”, in which they are sexually assaulted while  
drugged, drunk, passed out, or otherwise incapacitated;

Whereas these survivors often know their attackers;

Whereas less than 12 percent of rapes and attempted rapes of college students are reported to campus authorities or local law enforcement;

Whereas college sexual assault survivors are likely to tell someone they know, most often a friend, about their experience;

Whereas 20 percent of college sexual assault survivors fear reprisal by the perpetrator;

Whereas many college sexual assault survivors fear poor treatment by campus or law enforcement authorities, or even lack knowledge of the reporting process;

Whereas 10 percent of colleges still do not allow confidential reporting of sexual assaults to campus authorities;

Whereas 22 percent of colleges provide no sexual assault response training for members of their faculty and staff;

Whereas 41 percent of colleges have not conducted a single sexual assault investigation in the last 5 years;

Whereas most colleges fail to provide access to a specially trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner;

Whereas law enforcement officials at 30 percent of colleges receive no training on how to respond to reports of sexual violence;

Whereas more than 70 percent of colleges do not have protocols regarding how the institution and local law enforcement should work together to respond to sexual violence;

Whereas 33 percent of colleges fail to provide training to dispel “rape myths” to persons adjudicating sexual assault claims;

Whereas 43 percent of the Nation's largest colleges have students assisting in adjudicating sexual assault cases, which creates privacy and conflict-of-interest concerns;

Whereas 22 percent of colleges allow athletic department oversight of sexual violence cases involving student athletes;

Whereas many college sexual assault survivors experience confusion over how to report a sexual assault, are unsure of acceptable standards of sexual conduct and definitions of rape and sexual assault, and fear punishment for activities preceding some sexual assaults, such as underage drinking;

Whereas 21 percent of the Nation's largest private colleges report not independently investigating all claims of sexual assault that they conveyed to the Department of Education;

Whereas only 10 to 25 percent of the perpetrators of college sexual assaults are permanently expelled;

Whereas less than 7 percent of reported college rape cases result in criminal charges against the perpetrator;

Whereas survivors of campus sexual assaults are more likely to have their lives disrupted, such as by changing a college major, changing campus housing, and dropping a class, than the average student;

Whereas 7 States require colleges to adopt affirmative consent policies; and

Whereas September 2025, when many students begin or return to college, is an appropriate month to designate as National Campus Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the designation of National Campus Sexual Assault
- 3 Awareness Month.

