

House Resolution

No. 47

**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooper
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House Resolution No. 47—Relative to Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Day.

1 WHEREAS, Sexual assault and sexual exploitation are major
2 public concerns at the local, state, and national levels; and
3 WHEREAS, One in two women and one in five men will
4 experience sexual violence in their lifetimes; and
5 WHEREAS, California’s rape crisis centers serve more than
6 32,000 survivors of sexual assault every year; and
7 WHEREAS, More than 8 million survivors of sexual violence
8 live in California; and
9 WHEREAS, Sexual assault affects Californians of all gender
10 identities, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, religions, and
11 socioeconomic levels; and
12 WHEREAS, Perpetrators of sexual violence must be held
13 accountable for their crimes; and
14 WHEREAS, Public awareness and education about sexual
15 violence and sexual exploitation are needed for every child, youth,
16 and adult in our communities; and
17 WHEREAS, Building community intolerance for sexual violence
18 requires the collective voices of all citizens; and
19 WHEREAS, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes represents a public
20 testament to the power of men’s voices in supporting survivors,
21 holding perpetrators accountable, and building a community
22 response against gender-based violence; and

1 WHEREAS, The largest Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event in the
2 world is held in Sacramento, California; now, therefore, be it
3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That April
4 23, 2016, be recognized as Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Day; and be
5 it further
6 *Resolved*, That the Assembly urges California's citizens to
7 partner with WEAVE or their local rape crisis center to stand with
8 survivors of sexual assault and build communitywide responses
9 to gender-based violence; and be it further
10 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
11 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.