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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**House Resolution**

**No. 47**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooper  
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April 4, 2016

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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,

1 holding perpetrators accountable, and building a community  
2 response against gender-based violence; and

3 WHEREAS, The largest Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event in the  
4 world is held in Sacramento, California; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That April  
6 23, 2016, be recognized as Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Day; and be  
7 it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Assembly urges California's citizens to  
9 partner with ~~WEAVE~~ or their local rape crisis center to stand with  
10 survivors of sexual assault and build communitywide responses  
11 to gender-based violence; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
13 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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