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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 47

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooper

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April 4, 2016

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

1 WHEREAS, Sexual assault affects Californians of all gender
2 identities, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, religions, and
3 socioeconomic levels; and

4 WHEREAS, Perpetrators of sexual violence must be held
5 accountable for their crimes; and

6 WHEREAS, Public awareness and education about sexual
7 violence and sexual exploitation are needed for every child, youth,
8 and adult in our communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Building community intolerance for sexual violence
10 requires the collective voices of all citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes represents a public
12 testament to the power of men's voices in supporting survivors,
13 holding perpetrators accountable, and building a community
14 response against gender-based violence; and

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

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That April
18 23, 2016, be recognized as Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Day; and be
19 it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Assembly urges California's citizens to
21 partner with their local rape crisis center to stand with survivors
22 of sexual assault and build communitywide responses to
23 gender-based violence; and be it further

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

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