Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 4, 2014

Dear University of Maryland community:

I would like to thank the Sexual Harassment Policies and Procedures Task Force for its work. It recommended the establishment on campus of the Office on Sexual Misconduct and Title IX Compliance.

Please join me in welcoming Catherine Carroll, J.D., who was recently appointed as Director of this new office: carrollc@umd.edu, 301-405-1142.

This office monitors the University's compliance with Title IX law and University policy and procedures in this area. It includes implementation of (1) prevention and education programs for faculty, students, and staff regarding sexual harassment, sexual violence, and sexual misconduct; (2) reporting options; (3) support resources; (4) investigation and disposition of complaints; and (5) annual statistical reports.

I am issuing the following proclamation:

Whereas, sexual violence is a crime with public health implications for every person; and

Whereas, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and sexual misconduct, how to support survivors, and how to hold perpetrators accountable for their actions; and

Whereas, the University encourages every person to speak out when witnessing acts of sexual violence and misconduct;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

The University of Maryland joins national and state officials in proclaiming April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."

Campus Advocates Respond and Educate (CARE) is hosting sexual assault awareness events this month. Please see:  http://www.health.umd.edu/care

Sincerely,

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President
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