



RUSA Resolution F18-3

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Resolution to Endorse the Efforts of the End Sexual Violence Campaign to Turn the Campus Purple

Whereas, research indicates that approximately 1 in 5 women¹ and 1 in 33 men² will be victims of sexual assault in their lifetime,

Whereas, sexual assault is the second most common violent crime committed on college campuses,³

Whereas, in 2014, 32 sexual assaults were reported on the Rutgers University – New Brunswick campus,⁴

Whereas, 30.7% of survivors have suffered academically because of sexual assault,⁵

Whereas, as a student government, we have a duty to our constituents to advocate for student concerns, specifically concerning a pressing issue such as the prevention of sexual violence,

Whereas, we support survivors of sexual violence,

Whereas, the Sexual Violence Education Department has already begun efforts to support the End Sexual Violence Campaign to Turn the Campus Purple, and

Whereas, Rutgers University’s annual Turn the Campus Purple Week, which will serve as a week-long educational platform on sexual violence prevention and awareness, will be from October 6th to October 12th this year.

¹ https://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS_Report2010-a.pdf

² <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles/172837.pdf>

³ <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NACJD/studies/3074>

⁴ http://rupd.rutgers.edu/RUPD_files/RU-New%20Brunswick%20Crime%20Stats.pdf

⁵ <http://endrapeoncampus.org/eroc-blog/2016/1/26/bjs-campus-climate-survey-key-highlights>

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly endorses the efforts of the End Sexual Violence Campaign to advocate for survivors and end sexual violence on campus; and

Be it further resolved, to aid in the efforts of the End Sexual Violence Campaign during Turn the Campus Purple Week, we will create a social media campaign for Turn the Campus Purple Week that turns all of our social media purple and provides useful facts and resources for our constituents.