PROCLAMATION

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 2020

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month brings attention to the fact that sexual assault, dating violence, sexual harassment, and stalking is an affront to the well-being and inherent dignity of the entire Ramapo College and is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community; and,

WHEREAS, sexual violence impacts all of society despite gender identity, sexual orientation, race and socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, survivors of these crimes are often silenced for fear of being blamed, shamed, not believed or re-victimized; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence can deeply and enduringly impact survivors psychologically, emotionally, physically and socially; and,

WHEREAS, members of Ramapo College must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, I, Dr. Peter P. Mercer, President of Ramapo College of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month at our College.