

# RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

## PROCLAMATION

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 2021

**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 community 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 on psychological, emotional, physical and social levels; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ramapo 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** that I, Dr. Peter P. Mercer, President of Ramapo College of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Ramapo College.