
THIRD READING

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SUBJECT: Military Sexual Trauma Awareness Day

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims September 25, 2025, as Military Sexual Trauma Awareness Day.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Military sexual trauma (MST) encompasses sexual assault or repeated, threatening sexual harassment that occurs during military service. MST affects both women and men in the Armed Forces, with research indicating that approximately 1 in 3 women and 1 in 50 men experience MST during service as a member, whether active duty, Reserve, or National Guard; and
- 2) MST survivors often encounter feelings of being unsupported, disrespected, or retraumatized when seeking care, which can exacerbate their psychological distress and elevate the risk of suicide, highlighting the urgent need for reforms to ensure they receive compassionate and respectful treatment.
- 3) MST not only affects the individual but also impacts their families, friends, and overall military readiness, as the trauma can strain relationships and affect the survivor's ability to perform effectively within the military setting.
- 4) There is a critical need to address the stigma associated with MST and to provide comprehensive support that considers the needs of survivors, their families, and the broader military community.
- 5) There is an urgent need for the Armed Forces to intensify efforts to prevent MST by implementing comprehensive training programs, promoting a culture of zero tolerance, and strengthening reporting and support mechanisms to protect all members and ensure a safer military environment.

This resolution acknowledges the profound impact of military sexual trauma, commits to breaking the stigma surrounding it, and reaffirms its decision to improving support systems for military sexual trauma survivors and their families.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/27/25)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/27/25)

None received

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