



Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence

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INVITATION TO PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS: SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, AND CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

Announcement

Tuesday, April 1, 2014 GCASAFV will be joined by their partners to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Crime Victims' Rights Week. Also, at this event the Guam Coalition will announce Guam's nominee for the 2014 National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) Visionary Voice Award.

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In conjunction with our partners, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (GCASAFV) cordially extends an invitation to the signing of Proclamations and Presentation of Resolutions recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Crime Victims' Rights Week on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the Guam Community College, Multi-Purpose Auditorium (Building 400).

Guam Community College President Mary Okada will deliver welcoming remarks and Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron will deliver the Inspirational Message. The Proclamations will be presented by Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio and the U.S. Navy Commanding Officer Captain John M. Ward.

April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and National Child Abuse Prevention Month. During SAAM, efforts are aimed at raising awareness about sexual violence and educating communities and individuals on how to prevent it. This year's campaign is focusing on healthy sexuality and young people. National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

This year, April 6th to 12th is National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) to celebrate decades of hard-earned progress in securing the rights, resources, and protections that crime victims need to rebuild their lives. Since 1981, NCVRW challenges the nation to extend its vision of crime victims' rights and services to reach every victim of crime.

Also on the agenda is the announcement of Guam's nominee for the 2014 National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) Visionary Voice Award.

The NSVRC announces the Visionary Voice Awards annually. These awards, offered in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month each April, recognize the creativity and hard work of individuals around the country who have demonstrated outstanding advocacy and

community work to end or prevent sexual violence. The NSVRC relies on each state, territory, and tribal coalition to select one outstanding individual deserving of this honor.

GCASAFV has participated in this since 2010. The following are the prior recipients of the Visionary Voice Award from Guam: 2010 Dr. Ellen P. Bez, 2011 Leticia Piper, 2012 AnnParo S. Rios, RN, BSN, and 2013 U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco.

If you have any questions about the event, please call 479-2277, or email the Coalition at info@guamcoalition.org

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ABOUT GCASAFV:

Established in 2006, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (GCASAFV) is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which aims to address sexual assault and family violence on Guam with one united voice.

GCASAFV's mission is to identify and address the community needs, provide access to services, and promote cultural sensitivity for all victims of sexual assault and family violence by raising community awareness and building the capacity of member service providers through education, outreach and training. Membership is comprised of service providers, government allies, and community partners. To learn more about GCASAFV please visit www.guamcoalition.org.