



Hopewell Victim Witness is asking that you join us in honoring the victims and survivors of sexual assault. We are asking you to take a stand against obstacles that prevent victims from reporting this crime. We are asking you to join your voices with us as we declare that sexual assault is not acceptable. We ask that you not judge the victims and show compassion. We ask that you help in providing a safe environment where men, women, and children feel secure. We ask that you join us in doing our part to end this rape culture. We ask that you join us in showing respect to each other and to remember that no one deserves to be assaulted. We ask that you remember that the only word to show consent to a physical relationship is the word, "YES." Any other response is a "NO."

- The Day of Action is April 2, 2019, in which we are asking that you wear the color teal, which is the awareness color for Sexual Assault Awareness.
- The Hopewell City Council will be declaring a proclamation against sexual violence at the City Council Meeting on April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 24, 2019 is Denim Day, initiated by the women in the Italian Parliament in response to the overturning of a rape conviction because the justices decided that jeans are tight and difficult to remove so the victim must have helped the rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying consent. The next day, the women in the Parliament wore jeans in solidarity with the victim.
- During the month of April, Hopewell Victim Witness will honor sexual assault victims and survivors through our Clothesline Project. Jeans and shirts will be displayed with phrases regarding the devastation suffered by victims and some encouraging comments that will show support. These clotheslines will be displayed at various locations in Hopewell, including Ashford Civic Plaza and Guncotton Coffee & Gallery, located at 234 East Broadway.

Join us in saying that sexual assault is not acceptable. Do your part in the fight against sexual assault. Remember sexual assault victims do not deserve what happened to him/her. Show your support to victims and survivors by raising awareness about sexual assault in our community.