



Nationwide *Victim's Rights Rally* Handout ***WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT DEFENDING JUSTICE!***

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AFFECTS YOU!

1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetimes. Every person knows a survivor, but the silence that surrounds these issues allows this public health crisis to continue! Over 80% of sex crimes go unreported...Shatter the Silence of Sexual Violence!

From New York to California, North America is united today in this Victim's Rights Rally. Thousands of people are speaking out together today as we demand justice for the countless sexual assault victims who have been silenced by the very system that was created to protect them. It's bad enough that victims are violated by sexual assault -- they should never be re-victimized in the name of justice! This rally is only the beginning we will not be silent...We demand justice!

- **We demand trained sensitive crimes detectives.**
- **We demand rape kits to be processed.**
- **We demand a fair and speedy trial.**
- **We demand an end to blaming the victims.**

Today we share our *Victims Rights Rally 7 Step Action Plan:*

- 1. Talk to your friends and family about victim blaming and unjust sexual assault cases. Develop court watch programs to see whether judges in your community are restricting victims' rights. Continue to build your email list and contact information for people in your community so we can be even stronger in numbers.**
- 2. Write letters and meet with your Congressional Leaders about protecting victims' rights.**
- 3. Contribute time, money and resources to advocacy groups such as PAVE: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment. Consider starting a PAVE chapter in your community.**
- 4. Sign up for our email alerts so that you will receive updated information and be ready to take action when necessary. We are working on a training DVD with a Chief of Police for use in your community.**
- 5. Make sure this is an issue at re-election time for every judge and every governor in every state. No person deserves the right to be called "judge" who would so disrespect a rape victim's fundamental right to testify fully and truthfully under oath in a court of law.**
- 6. Stay tuned for the launch of PAVE's REPORT IT campaign, where we will be encouraging survivors all over the country to report any sexual abuse including a form to report anonymously.**
- 7. Save the date for April 29, dubbed Angela Shelton Day where we will take to the streets again.**

**Need help? Call RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network) FREE 24 hr. National Hotline:
1.800.656.HOPE**

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