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**Resolution Supporting Portland's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Take Back  
the Night March, Rally and Speak Out Against Sexual Violence**

- WHEREAS:** April 28, 2006 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Portland's annual Take Back the Night March and Rally; and
- WHEREAS:** The Take Back the Night March and Rally is an internationally historic community event to gather support for victims of sexual violence and break the silence that surrounds this crime; and
- WHEREAS:** Sexual Violence directly effects 1 out of 3 women and 1 out of 6 men and countless others indirectly and does not discriminate on the basis of gender, age, race, class, sexual orientation, relationship status or disability status; and
- WHEREAS:** All victims and survivors of sexual violence deserve a voice and support; and
- WHEREAS:** This powerful evening highlights the issue of sexual violence in our community, while ensuring that hope and energy towards ending this violence continue to thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine in collaboration with its community partners Family Crisis Services, University of Southern Maine, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, Maine Speak Out Project, and concerned individuals are honored to bring this event to Portland.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the Mayor and members of the Portland City Council do hereby state our ongoing support for this important event and its purpose and declare April 28, 2006 Take Back the Night day.