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UH West O'ahu campus community to "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 6

KAPOLEI --- In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month this April, the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu campus community will participate in an event for <u>"Walk a Mile,"</u> the international march to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence. UH West O'ahu students, faculty and staff will participate in a playful walk around the campus, many wearing women's high-heeled shoes or decorated slippers, to demonstrate support for efforts to stop the violence.

The walk is meant to put participants literally "in someone else's shoes" as a show of support and solidarity behind the goal of ending sexualized violence. "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" at UH West O'ahu will happen at 12:25 p.m. and again at 1:55 p.m. on April 6 starting in the UHWO Courtyard. A supply of men's and women's shoes will be available for participants' use during the march.

The event is free and open to the public. All community groups, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to attend. "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" will also feature interactive displays and community organizations sharing resources and information about sexual assault prevention from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the UH West Oʻahu Courtyard.

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