

Proclamation

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”

April 2022

Whereas, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread by impacting 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in Colorado; and

Whereas, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impacts residents of Adams County, regardless of age race or gender; and

Whereas, victims of sexual assault are significantly more likely to suffer from depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, chemical dependencies, and even contemplate suicide; and

Whereas, this crime occurs far too frequently, goes unreported far too often, and leaves long lasting physical and emotional scars; and

Whereas, as a community, we share the responsibility for supporting victims by believing friends, family, and co-workers when it does occur, and bringing perpetrators to justice; and

Whereas, we must work together to educate the Adams County community about sexual violence, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions impeding victims from seeking services; and

Whereas, prevention is possible when the entire community is involved. The first step is increasing awareness through education and supporting and believing victims. It’s time for all of us to join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims April 2022 as

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”

We, the undersigned, are taking action as leaders in our community in creating an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable, and survivors are supported. We join criminal justice agencies, victim advocates, and community service providers across Adams County in taking action to prevent sexual violence each day of the year and create change for the future.

Supporting Agencies: 17th Judicial District Attorney’s Office, 17th Judicial District Probation, 17th Judicial District Sexual Assault Response Team, Adams County Department of Human Services, Adams County Sheriff’s Office, Armed Forces, Arvada Police Department, Aurora Police Department, The Blue Bench, Brighton Police Department, Broomfield Police Department, Broomfield Department of Health and Human Services, Centura Health St. Anthony Hospitals, Commerce City Police Department, Community Reach Center, Federal Heights Police Department, Moving to End Sexual Assault, Northglenn Police Department, Ralston House, Thornton Police Department, UCHHealth - Anschutz, Westminster Police Department and Reaching Hope.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed April 5, 2022.