

Proclamation

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”

April 2024

Whereas, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread with over 53% of women and over 29% of men reporting contact sexual violence in their lifetime; and,

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

Whereas, Adams County acknowledges the National Sexual Assault Awareness Month theme of “Building Connected Communities”, and calls on us all to build more connected, respectful, and inclusive communities to promote our collective well-being and protect against the risk of sexual violence; 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 psychological, physical and emotional scars; and,

Whereas, as a community, we share the responsibility for supporting victims by believing others when it does occur, and bringing perpetrators to justice, whatever justice means to those who are victimized; 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, we believe communities will be safer and stronger by making them more equitable for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, races and ethnic backgrounds, ages, faiths, and abilities.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims the month of April 2024 as

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”

Now is the time that we, the undersigned, are acting as leaders in our community in creating an environment in which sex assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported. We join criminal justice agencies, victim advocates and community service providers across Adams County in striving to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others to end sexual violence. We publicly proclaim April to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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, 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, Colorado Children’s Hospital, Commerce City Police Department, Denver Health Hospital, Family Tree, Federal Heights Police Department,

Northglenn Police Department, Platte Valley Medical Center, Ralston House, Reaching Hope, Servicios de La Raza, Thornton Police Department, UCHealth - Anschutz, Westminster Police Department, and Wings.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed April 2, 2024.