

Proclamation

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”

April 2023

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 6 men in Colorado; 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 “Prevention Demands Equity”, and calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to improve ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect; 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, Prevention is possible when the entire community is involved. The first step is increasing awareness through education, supporting and believing victims. It’s time for all of us across the country to take action to prevent sexual violence.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims the month of April 2023 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 taking action to prevent sexual violence each day of the year and create change for the future. 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, Family Tree, Federal Heights Police Department, Northglenn Police Department, Ralston House, Servicios de La Raza, Thornton Police Department, UHealth - Anschutz, Westminster Police Department, Wings, and Reaching Hope.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed April 4, 2023.