

**Proclamation**  
**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**  
**April 2021**

**Whereas**, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread, 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, and 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 of 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, support survivors, and speak 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 is time for all of us to take action to end sexual assault.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Adams County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 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 and create change for the future.