

Proclamation

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”

April 2018

Whereas, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread by impacting 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in Colorado; and

Whereas, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impacts citizens 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, 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 to take action against ending sexual assault.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Adams County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of April 2018 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.