

Proclamation

Sexual Assault Awareness Month - April 2017

Whereas, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in Adams County; and

Whereas, every day, women, men, and children across Colorado suffer the pain and trauma of sexual assault upon survivors and our Adams County communities; and

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

Whereas, during National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, expanding support for victims, and strengthening our response; and

Whereas, sexual violence affects individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances; and

Whereas, as a community, we share the responsibility for protecting each other from sexual assault, supporting victims when it does occur, and bringing perpetrators to justice; and

Whereas, at every level we must work to provide necessary resources to victims of every circumstance, including medical attention, mental health services, relocation and housing assistance, and advocacy during the criminal justice process; and

Whereas, Adams County communities can come together to increase awareness about sexual violence, decrease its frequency, hold offenders accountable, support victims, and heal lives;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

We, the undersigned, proclaim that now is the time to take action as leaders in our community to create safe environments for all Adams County citizens, including our youth and our educational institutions. We must work together to educate members of our community about sexual violence prevention, support survivors, and speak out against harmful attitudes and actions. We join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. We publically proclaim April to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and recognize that each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.