

PROCLAMATION

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 2023

WHEREAS, nationally one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month draws attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has implications for every community member; and

WHEREAS, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be a leader in preventing and ending sexual violence. As employers, educators, parents, and friends, we all have an obligation to uphold the basic principle that every individual should be free from violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, we encourage every person to start conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, and how to help survivors connect with services, and to speak out against harmful attitudes and actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, We, the Story County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim **April 2023** as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in Story County, to keep our community members safe from this crime and to stand with survivors and victims of sexual assault.

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