



Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, sexual assault is a pervasive issue that affects individuals, families, and communities across our nation; and

Whereas, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our communities, and every one of us has a role in protecting the people we love most; and

Whereas, every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted; and on average, only 33 out of 1000 cases of sexual assault end up with a conviction; and

Whereas, young people experience disproportionately higher rates of sexual violence between the ages of twelve to seventeen, with college campus reports of one in five women and one in sixteen men that are sexually assaulted during their time in school; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the tireless work of advocates, allies, and community leaders who are committed to ending sexual violence and providing support to survivors; and

Whereas, the theme for the 2024 campaign is "Start by Believing"; and calls on individuals to validate and honor a survivor's experience when it is shared; and

THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that Polk County joins the nation in recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and commits to promoting awareness of sexual violence, supporting survivors, and working towards the prevention of sexual assault in our community.

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