

Fremont County Board of Commissioners Proclamation

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

April 2023

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

WHEREAS, every day, women, men, and children across Colorado suffer the pain and trauma of sexual assault upon survivors and our 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, Fremont County can come together to increase awareness about sexual violence, decrease its frequency, hold offenders accountable, support victims, and heal lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the County Commissioners of Fremont County that the month of April 2023 is hereby designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Fremont County and hereby urge the community to work together to educate themselves about sexual violence prevention, to support survivors, and speak out against harmful attitudes and actions.

Signed this 28th day of March, 2023.

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