



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (“SAAM”) and a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and educate individuals and communities about how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, Sexual assault is a devastating abuse of power, one that affects people of every age, race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, socioeconomic background, and religion. In the United States alone, there are on average of 463,634 victims of rape and sexual assault (age twelve and over) a year. Every 68 seconds another American is sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including in online spaces. Now more than ever, screens and technology connect us with others but far too long, harassment, cyberbullying, and sexual abuse have been seen as unavoidable behaviors online; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the twenty-first anniversary of SAAM, and the theme of this year’s campaign is “Building Safe Online Spaces Together.” We can build online communities free from sexual harassment, abuse, and assault by practicing digital consent, intervening when we see harmful behaviors, and promoting online communities that value inclusion, safety, and respect; and

WHEREAS, Together, we can make a difference to build inclusive, safe, and respectful communities by working alongside our local organization, Survival House. Survival House provides a crisis hotline for victims to discuss options, emergency shelter, referrals to other agencies, case management, crisis intervention, court advocacy, resource advocacy, professional therapy, support groups, and a volunteer program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Holmberg, Mayor of the City of Warrensburg, join advocates and communities across the country in proclaiming that we can build safe online spaces together, and do hereby proclaim the month of April to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dated this 11th day of April 2022.

ATTEST:

Jodi L. Schneider, City Clerk

Scott Holmberg, Mayor
Jim Kushner, Chairman Pro Tem
Casey Lund, Council Member
Nolan Brooks, Council Member
Tarl Bentley, Council Member