



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF ALABASTER

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in our community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in six women and one in 33 men will be raped at some point in their lives. (Rainn.org); and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in ten children will experience sexual assault before age 18. (National Children's Alliance); and

WHEREAS, on Campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college (Krebs, Lindquist, Warner, Fisher, & Martin,2007); and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month Campaign is "Building Connected Communities". The campaign informs individuals on how they can use their connections to stop sexual violence before it happens by promoting safety, respect, and equality; and

WHEREAS, community-level prevention work moves us beyond individual approaches- it's about collective action, building partnerships, and creating access to resources to support community health. Building community partnerships is vital to our work- we need each other in order to create the kinds of positive change that will be long-lasting; and

WHEREAS, we join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Brakefield, the Mayor of the City of Alabaster, Alabama, do hereby proclaim **April 2024**, as ***Sexual Assault Awareness Month*** and ask all residents to join in raising the visibility of this crime whose victims are all too often invisible.



WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alabaster, Alabama to be affixed, this 25th day of March, 2024.

Mayor Scott Brakefield

ATTEST:

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

