



PROCLAMATION



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WHEREAS, Sexual Assault in the City of Bastrop, Bastrop County and in the State of Texas is intolerable and must be stopped, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

WHEREAS, This year's SAAM campaign theme, "Building Connected Communities", calls on each of us to work together to prevent sexual abuse, harassment, and assault. We believe when anyone experiences sexual violence, every community member is affected. We must strive to build more connected, respectful, and inclusive communities to promote our collective well-being and protect against the risk of sexual violence. We believe all of our communities will be safer and stronger by making them more equitable for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, races and ethnic backgrounds, ages, faiths, and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Over 53% of women and over 29% of men reported experiencing contact sexual violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Most women and men across all sexual identities who experienced contact sexual violence reported that the person who harmed them was someone they knew; and

WHEREAS, More than 1 in 4 non-Hispanic Black women (29%) in the United States were raped in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 Hispanic women (34.8%) reported unwanted sexual contact in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 32.9% of adults with intellectual disabilities have experienced sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, 47% of all transgender people have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lyle Nelson, Mayor of the City of Bastrop, hereby 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 I, Mayor Lyle Nelson, do hereby proclaim April as:

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of Bastrop, in recognition of the important work done by survivors and victim service providers, I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the Family Crisis Center and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of sexual violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bastrop, Texas to be affixed this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Lyle Nelson, Mayor

