

# PROCLAMATION

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April 2026

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence remains a serious public health and human rights issue, impacting individuals of every age, race, gender, and background is widespread and has far-reaching effects on our community members; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACMSI "**There For YOU!**" Program serves as a vital pillar of support in our county, providing compassionate advocacy, crisis intervention, and necessary resources for survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, we call upon our citizens to show visible support by participating in **Wear Teal Day on April 7, 2026**, to kick off the month, and **Denim Day on April 29, 2026**, to protest harmful myths and victim-blaming surrounding sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zapatos Rojas (Red Shoes) art installation will be on display at the Aransas County Courthouse Celebration Plaza from April 15–26, 2026, under the professional oversight of the Rockport Center for the Arts, representing the absence of those lost to violence and the collective journey toward justice, and we encourage all citizens to visit the "Los Zapatos Rojas" display to honor these individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our citizens depends on a coordinated response, highlighted by the **SART Training: "Every Response Matters"** for emergency responders, a collaborative effort between ACMSI, the Aransas County Sheriff's Office, and **The Purple Door**—to be held **April 23, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at the **Aransas County Courthouse Community Center**; and

**WHEREAS**, the "**HELP ME**" sign and universal signal for help remain critical tools to empower those in danger to reach out for help, we encourage every citizen to recognize the "**Signal for Help**" (the universal hand signal: palm to camera, thumb tucked, fingers closed over), a vital tool for those in danger to silently seek assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, no survivor should walk alone, and our community is fortified by essential resources including ACMSI There For YOU!, The Purple Door, and The Well Rockport;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Mayor Kelli Cole, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and encourages all citizens to visit the "Los Zapatos Rojas" display.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Fulton to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

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Kelli Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary