



Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month – a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and to educate individuals and communities about how to prevent it. Sexual harassment, abuse, and assault are widespread problems across the nation; and

WHEREAS, in the United States alone, nearly one in five women and one in 67 men have been raped at some time in their lives, and one in six boys and one in four girls is sexually abused before the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment, assault, and abuse happen in all communities – and that includes online spaces. We are spending more and more of our lives online – whether that’s for work, school, or entertainment. Unfortunately, with this increase in virtual connection comes an increase in online abuse and harassment; and

WHEREAS, consent and boundaries can be violated online in a number of ways, and the trauma of online abuse is all too real for many survivors; and

WHEREAS, we can all make a difference to ensure that our online and physical communities are safe and respectful for everyone; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the twenty-first anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Gates, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in Greeley and join advocates and communities across the country in proclaiming that we can create safe communities together.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, Colorado, this 5th day of April, 2022.

John Gates
Mayor