

# Sexual Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

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**WHEREAS** sexual violence is a widespread, preventable, public health problem, and the problem crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers; and

**WHEREAS** sexual violence is any sexual act that is perpetrated against someone's will, which includes sexual assault, rape, unwanted touching, threatened sexual violence, and verbal sexual harassment: all types of sexual violence involve victims who do not consent, are unable to consent, or refuse to allow the act; and

**WHEREAS** over half of women and nearly 1 in 3 men, experience some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS** One incident of rape is reported to Kansas law enforcement every 7 hours, 19 minutes, 6 seconds; over 5,300 people receive services for sexual assault from Kansas victim advocacy organizations each year; and

**WHEREAS** these statistics do not represent the true prevalence of sexual violence due to underreporting; and

**WHEREAS** victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, with access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing so that they can; and

**WHEREAS** it is important we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others to end sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS** we encourage victims to seek free and confidential assistance from the Alliance Against Family Violence Hotline (913-675-7217)

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Anthony McNeill, City of Lansing Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as NATIONAL SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Lansing and urge all citizens to recognize this month.**

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Anthony R. McNeill, Mayor

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Tish Sims, City Clerk