

National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, every 68 seconds another person in the United States is sexually assaulted, and in Texas 2 in 5 women and 1 in 5 men are victims of sexual assault; AND in fiscal year 2024, Thriving Hearts Crisis Center rendered 850 services to 379 survivors of sexual violence and provided 94 hospital accompaniments for sexual assault exams;

WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and The University of Texas at Austin Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault approximately 6.3 million Texans have been sexually victimized;

WHEREAS, most victims are sexually assaulted by someone they know and 91 percent of victims did not report to police;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to salute the more than 20 Million victims who have survived sexual assault in the United States and the efforts of victims, volunteers, and professionals who combat sexual assault;

WHEREAS, national and community organizations and private sector supporters should be recognized and applauded for their work in promoting awareness about sexual assault;

WHEREAS, police, forensic workers, and prosecutors should be recognized and commended for their hard work and innovative strategies to increase the percentage of sexual assault cases that resolve in the prosecution and incarceration of the offenders;

WHEREAS, sexual violence is a persistent and pervasive problem in our society, one that requires attention year-round and in order to foster healthy communities, all citizens must support the effort to end sexual violence every month of the year; and,

WHEREAS, national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, and the media are urged, through *National Sexual Assault Awareness* of sexual violence and strategies to decrease the incidence of sexual assault.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Martin Poore, Mayor of the City of LaVernia do hereby proclaim the month of April as “*National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month*” in LaVernia and urge all citizens to observe this month by supporting the goals and ideas of victims and those working toward awareness and prevention, and by participating in community efforts.

Presented this 17th Day of April 2025.

City Seal

Martin Poore, Mayor

Attest:

Madison Farrow, City Secretary