



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) — a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and educate individuals and communities about how to prevent it; 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. 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, this year, SAAM is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The theme for this year's campaign is "We Can Build Safe Online Spaces". The campaign calls on us to create online spaces that are built on the foundational values of practicing consent, keeping kids safe, and supporting survivors; and

WHEREAS, City of Manor strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dr. Larry Wallace Jr., Mayor of the City of Manor, Texas, and on behalf of the Manor City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021, as:

"Sexual Assault Awareness Month"

in the City of Manor, Texas and urge all citizens to learn about sexual assault and commit themselves to the community goal of ensuring that everyone can live their life free of sexual violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Manor on this 7th day April 2021.

Dr. Larry Wallace Jr., Mayor City of Manor