



# *A Proclamation Honoring Freedom House*

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**WHEREAS**, *Sexual Assault Awareness Month* calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in the community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate our community about how best to prevent it. Sexual assault's prevalence is based on the widespread devastating abuse of power- one that affects people of every age, race, sex, gender identity, national origin, socioeconomic background, and religion; and

**WHEREAS**, *rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment* are harmful within our community with one in five women and one in 67 men sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, *child sexual abuse prevention* must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six little boys and one in four little girls will experience sexual assault before turning 18 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, *on college campuses, one in five women and one in sixteen men* are sexually assaulted during their college years; and

**WHEREAS**, *33% of adults with intellectual disabilities* have experienced sexual violence during their lifetimes, and

**WHEREAS**, *2023 marks the twenty second anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and this year's campaign theme being "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity"-draws on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change the systems surrounding us to build equity and respect within our community. Jointly we can publicly support victims, share educational information about assault and online harassment, and take a strong stance against victim blaming comments.*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, *I, Doyle Moss, Mayor of City of Willow Park, by virtue of the authority vested in me do hereby proclaim April 2023 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in the City of Willow Park. We join Freedom House as they help survivors of sexual assault by supporting the eradication of sexual assault through improving victim safety and holding perpetrators accountable for their actions against members of our community.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I have set my hand and caused the seal of Willow Park Texas, to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.*

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*Mayor Doyle Moss*

*Attest:*

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*Crystal R. Dozier, City Secretary*