

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2017, AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders, and suicide; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating for not only the survivor, but also for the family and friends of the survivor; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency, or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victims/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victims/survivors; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Public awareness is needed to improve responses of friends, family members and community professions, so they can help victims access supportive resources and engage the criminal justice system; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

