

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020, AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month was founded by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center in April, 2001, and is observed to raise public awareness about sexual harassment, assault, and abuse and to educate communities on prevention; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, every 98 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted, and nearly 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men in the United States have experienced rape (or attempted rape) at one point in their lives, and
- § 3. WHEREAS, rape is the most under-reported crime with 63% of sexual assaults not being reported to police, and the majority of sexual assaults happening at or near the victim's home, often by someone know and/or trusted; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the 2020 national theme, "I Ask," focuses on the ultimate goal of prevention by empowering individuals to put consent into practice through normalizing everyday conversations about consent and acknowledging that consent goes beyond just asking and also includes listening and accepting the answer without pressure as part of healthy, normal, and necessary everyday interactions; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the "I Ask" campaign promotes education about how individuals can ask for consent and respect boundaries as part of healthy relationships, practice consent in digital and online interactions, teach parents how to model asking permission and other healthy behaviors for children, and discuss the impact of power dynamics on consent.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2020, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Norman and encourage the community to work together to normalize everyday conversations about consent and continue promoting mutual respect, education, awareness, and prevention.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

