



Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community. Today, April 4, 2017 is the National Day of Action for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011).

Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18 (Dube et al., 2005).

On campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college (Krebs, Lindquist, Warner, Fisher, & Martin, 2007).

We must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions. Prevention is possible when everyone gets involved. The first step is increasing education, awareness, and community involvement. It's time for all of us to take action to create a safer environment for all.

We join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners, join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all Roosevelt County residents must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of New Mexico, I do hereby proclaim April as

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”



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