

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2019 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts millions of adults, teenagers, and children; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, on campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects individuals across all ages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign is "I Ask." The campaign champions the power of asking for consent — whether it be asking to hold someone's hand, for permission to share personal information with others, or if a partner is interested in sex. Consent is a clear, concrete example of what it takes to end sexual harassment, abuse, and assault. The goal of the campaign is to empower everyone to put consent into practice. "I Ask" is the statement by which individuals will demonstrate that asking for consent is a healthy, normal, and necessary part of everyday interactions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Garden Grove City Council that the City of Garden Grove recognizes April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and hopes that each day of the month and year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

April 9, 2019

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