

## **Proclamation**

### **APRIL 2023 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) 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 that one out of every six American women have been victims of attempted or completed rape, and one out of every ten men; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that what is reported is that one in nine girls and one in 53 boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse or assault at the hands of an adult; 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 National Sexual Violence Resource Center is promoting thirty days of SAAM with this year's theme "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity"; and

WHEREAS, Together we can make a difference to educate people about prevention, to promote the safety of others, and to show survivors they are believed and supported.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Garden Grove City Council that the City of Garden Grove recognizes April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and hopes that each day of the month and year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

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