



**Staff Report**

For City Council Meeting of 04/05/2017

***Subject - Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2017***

**Synopsis:** Shannon Symonds with The Harbor has requested that the Gearhart City Council make a proclamation declaring April to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**Council Options:** The Council has the following options regarding this issue.

- 1) Resolve to make the attached proclamation.
- 2) Do nothing.

**Recommendation:** N/A

**Legal Analysis:** N/A

**Financial Analysis:** N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Chad

## **City of Gearhart Proclamation**

**Whereas:** Sexual assault effects Oregonians every day, whether as a victim or survivor or as a family member, friend, partner, neighbor, employer or co-worker of a survivor; and

**Whereas:** Oregonians of all gender identities experience sexual violence, including an estimated 1 in 4 adult women who has been the victim of rape, and nearly 1 in 5 men who has experienced sexual violence in their lifetime; and

**Whereas:** Certain populations in Oregon experience much higher rates of sexual violence due to systemic oppression and inequity; and

**Whereas:** Compassionate, courageous, and dedicated individuals, local organizations, and other partners have provided services and support for victims and survivors, and worked to prevent sexual violence for decades; and

**Whereas:** Sexual violence is preventable and all communities are strengthened by encouraging healthy, non-violent interactions, relationships and social norms; and

**Whereas:** Every individual and community in Oregon has a role to play to help eliminate sexual violence by working together to promote social change.

**Now,**

**Therefore:** I Matt Brown, Mayor of Gearhart, Clatsop County, Oregon proclaim April 2017 to be:

### **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

in the City of Gearhart and encourage all Gearhart residents to join in this observance.

Signature: