

**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, we, City Council Members, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2021 to be:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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



Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Administrator