



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

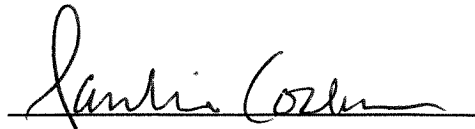
**Whereas:** Sexual violence is preventable, and all communities are strengthened by encouraging healthy, non-violent interactions, relationships and social norms; and

**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 April 2022 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