



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS/ACTION MONTH PROCLAMATION APRIL 2023

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, 1 in 10 Clatsop County middle and high school students report inappropriate sexual contact by an adult before they turn 18; and

WHEREAS, certain populations in Oregon experience much higher rates of sexual violence due to systemic oppression and inequity; and

WHEREAS, out of 1,000 sexual assaults, only 25 perpetrators will face any legal repercussions for the assault; and


WHEREAS, sexual violence is preventable, and all communities are strengthened by encouraging healthy non-violent interactions, relationships and social norms; and

WHEREAS, every individuals and communities in Oregon have 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, 2023, as:


“Sexual Assault Awareness/Action Month”

in the City of Gearhart, Clatsop County and can upon all community members and local agencies to speak out against sexual violence, educate one another on sexual violence prevention, and support and believe survivors.



Mayor Smith

ATTEST:



City Administrator, Chad Sweet