

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAMATION • APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community;

WHEREAS, Most women and men across all sexual identities who experienced contact sexual violence reported that the person who harmed them was someone they knew (Chen, et al., 2023);

WHEREAS, over 53% of women and over 29% of men reported experiencing contact sexual violence in their lifetime (Chen, et al., 2023);

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in twenty boys and one in nine girls will experience sexual abuse or assault before age 18 (Finkelhor et al., 2014);

WHEREAS, we must work together to build online communities free from sexual harassment, abuse, and assault by practicing digital consent, intervening when we see harmful behaviors, and promoting online communities that value inclusion, safety, and respect;

WHEREAS, prevention is possible when everyone gets involved. The first step is increasing education, awareness, and community involvement. It's time to take action to create a safer environment for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Walker, Chairman of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of April as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, and encourage all of our citizens to join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence and assisting victims in accessing the information and supportive services they need.

Signature

Date