

# Sexual Assault Awareness Month

## PROCLAMATION

APRIL 2024

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community.

**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 six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18 (Dube et al., 2005).

**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 for all of us to take action to create a safer environment for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. I, Candy Carlson, Chairperson of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the month of April as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**.

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Signature

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Date