



Proclamation
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2021

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

WHEREAS, sexual violence is a dehumanizing form of abuse that harms our communities; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment have extensive and widespread physical and mental health implications, including post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities are 2.5 times more likely to be violently victimized; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 43.2% of females and 51.3% of males first experienced victimization prior to age 18; and

WHEREAS, 66% of women and 36% of men report knowing their perpetrator; and

WHEREAS, 67% of victims under the age of 18 identified their perpetrator as a family member and 79% said they were currently living with that perpetrator; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Public Safety indicates that 3,162 rapes were reported to police in 2019; and

WHEREAS, 59% of violent crimes are not reported to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, through prevention education, awareness efforts, a strong continuum of victim services, and holding perpetrators responsible for their actions, we can work together to better address sexual violence and create safer communities for all Arizonans; and

WHEREAS, through collaborative efforts, individuals, agencies, organizations, and communities can work together to prevent sexual assault and support victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor of the City of San Luis, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** and encourage all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools, and colleges in the state of Arizona to join together and raise awareness about sexual assault, provide support for survivors, and strive to achieve a state where sexual assault victims have a clear path to justice, and where our communities, families, and children are protected.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of **April 2021**.

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk