



Proclamation

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH April 2023

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

WHEREAS, sexual assault, at its core, is a devastating abuse of power - one that affects people of every age, race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, socioeconomic background, and religion; 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 6 men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact at some point in their lives; 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 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, 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, Nieves Riedel, Mayor of the City of San Luis, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as "**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**" and urge all citizens to support victims when they reach out and disclose abuse.

DATED this 22nd day of March 2023.

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk