

PROCLAMATION APRIL 2022 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEAEAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

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; and

WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, on campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, prevention is possible when everyone gets involved; the first step is increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge it is time for us to all take action to create a safe environment for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ty Coleman, Mayor of the City of Alamosa, and on behalf of Alamosa City Council, join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence by proclaiming April 2022 as

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In Alamosa Colorado and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all of our community members. Given under my hand and seal of the City of Alamosa this day of April 20, 2022.

