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Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, Sexual assault and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 67 men will be assaulted at some point in their lives (Smith et al., 2017) and that two out of three sexual assaults are never reported to police (DOJ, 2015); 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 (Dube et al., 2005); 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 (Snyder & Sickmund, 2006); and

WHEREAS, On campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college (Krebs, Lindquist, Warner, Fisher, & Martin, 2007); and

WHEREAS, the effects of human trafficking reach far beyond its victims and perpetrators, causing disruption in our schools, places of work, and neighborhoods; and

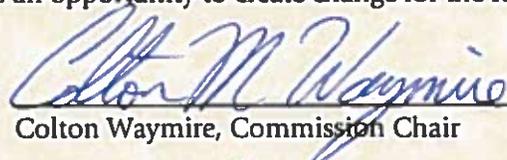
NOW, THEREFORE, Franklin County, Kansas, proclaims the month of April 2021 as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

This year, SAAM is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The theme for this year's campaign is, "Consent is for Everyone." The campaign calls on partners and community members to help expand sexual assault prevention efforts and ensure the next generation fosters attitudes that promote consent, equality, and respect.

We join advocates and communities across the country in taking-action to prevent sexual trauma & abuse. April is SAAM, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

Signed this 31st day of March, 2021.


 Colton Waymire, Commission Chair

Attested and Recorded this 31st day of March,


 Janet Paddock, County Clerk

