

CITY OF NAPA
PROCLAMATION
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 2025

WHEREAS, NEWS, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services is commemorating 43 years of service to survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse in Napa County, and having opened as the county’s Rape Crisis Center in 2010 to provide safety to those experiencing sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the National Sexual Violence Resource Center launched the first Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign and in 2009 the Obama Administration officially recognized April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, enshrining our Country’s commitment to promoting education of sexual violence, promoting consent, ending victim-blaming, and showing support for victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, this year’s national campaign of “Together We Act, United We Change” emphasizes the importance of communities working together to prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment; and

WHEREAS, statistics from the U.S. Center of Disease Control shows that over half of women and almost 1 in 3 men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact during their lifetimes; and, that 1 in 4 women and about 1 in 26 men have experienced completed or attempted rape. Sexual violence disproportionately affects women, minors, and racial and ethnic minority groups who experience a higher incidence of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, by observing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month we show that our community is committed to supporting survivors and working toward the prevention of sexual violence across generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Scott Sedgley, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, in Napa, and I ask the entire community to join in their effort, not only in April, but all year long, to be part of the effort to end sexual violence.

Dated: April 1, 2025

SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR