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## **PROCLAMATION SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

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

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to raise awareness that sexual violence is widespread and to educate communities on how to prevent it; and

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment cause harm to our community, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waukesha is fortunate to have the Women's Center as the only agency in Waukesha County that provides supportive services to those affected by sexual assault, abuse, and trafficking and has been providing supportive services since 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, the Women's Center leads a wide range of initiatives to prevent and respond to sexual assault. These include violence prevention and community education programming; counseling for adult and child survivors of sexual violence; and rape crisis response for sexual assault survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, all of us, as individuals, have a role to play in amplifying our voices to show support for survivors, standing up against victim blaming, shutting down distasteful jokes, correcting harmful misconceptions and practicing healthy communication.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2024 to be:

### **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024

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Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor  
City of Waukesha