

**“Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness Month”
In The City of Santa Clara - April 2021**

WHEREAS, every two minutes another person in the United States is sexually assaulted, and in Texas 2 in 5 women and 1 in 5 men are victims of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, approximately 6.3 million Texans have been sexually victimized; and

WHEREAS, most victims are sexually assaulted by someone they know and only 10 percent of rapes are ever reported to police; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to salute the more than 20,000,000 victims who have survived sexual assault in the United States and the efforts of victims, volunteers, and professionals who combat sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, national and community organizations and private sector supporters should be recognized and applauded for their work in promoting awareness about sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, police, forensic workers, and prosecutors should be recognized and commended for their hard work and innovative strategies to increase the percentage of sexual assault cases that resolve in the prosecution and incarceration of the offenders; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence is a persistent and pervasive problem in our society that requires attention year-round and in order to foster healthy communities, all citizens must support the effort to end sexual violence every month of the year; and;

WHEREAS, national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, and the media are urged, through *National Sexual Assault Awareness* of sexual violence and strategies to decrease the incidence of sexual assault; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Hunt, as Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021, as **National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month** in the City of Santa Clara and ask all citizens to observe this month by supporting the goals and ideas of victims and those working toward awareness and prevention and to participate in community efforts.

Presented this 22nd day of March, 2021.

This Proclamation shall be effective upon passage and approval.

PASSED and APPROVED on the 22nd Day of March 2021



Jeff Hunt, Mayor





Donna White, City Secretary