City of Santa Rosa

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has a profound and lasting impact on every community member of Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, Verity, Sonoma County's Rape Crisis, Trauma, and Healing Center, served over 1,200 survivors in Sonoma County in 2022; and

WHEREAS, national research indicates that one in five women will be raped at some point in their lifetime, and nearly half of all women will experience some form of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, one in seventeen men will be raped at some point in their lifetime, and one in five men will experience some form of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, young people are at greatest risk of sexual violence, and youth aged 12 to 17 are two and a half times more likely to be raped, sexually assaulted, or sexually abused than their adult counterparts; and

WHEREAS, disabled people, people of color, queer people, homeless people, transgender people, undocumented people, youth in foster care, and people of other marginalized identities are even more likely to be victimized by sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, over 18,000 members of the military and over 80,000 people who are incarcerated experience sexual violence every year; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in the City of Santa Rosa through increased education, awareness, and community involvement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim April

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Natalie Rogers
April 11, 2023