

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA  
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2018 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, progress has been made toward ending sexual violence and providing support to victims and their families, much work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for victims that includes children seeking safety; and

WHEREAS, advocates and organizations work on behalf of victims every day. Sexual Assault shelters and services, law enforcement officials, health care providers, court systems and legal aid providers, tribal organizations, and others are all an integral part of the effort to end sexual violence and must be recognized and applauded for their work; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, men, and children of all racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California; and

WHEREAS, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience sexual violence. Men and women with disabilities are at an even greater risk and among sexual assault victims, many have experienced human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, victims of sexual assault embody incredible strength and resilience; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the public awareness and understanding of sexual assault and the needs of victims; and

WHEREAS, all victims deserve access to culturally appropriate programs and services to increase their safety and improve their life situations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sonora does hereby recognize April 2018, and each following April, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April of the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Connie L. Williams, Mayor

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Marijane Cassinetta, City Clerk