

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Action Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health and safety implications for the city and county of Missoula and beyond; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment harm our community, our friends and our families - studies show one in six women and one in 33 men have experienced, completed or attempted rape; one in nine girls and one in 53 boys experience child sexual abuse at the hands of an adult; and 13% of all college students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence or incapacitation; and

WHEREAS, people of color, especially Native American women, experience violence, unwanted sexual contact or abuse at a much higher rate than other groups; and

WHEREAS, prevention is everyone's job and it means stopping sexual violence before it happens by changing norms that allow it to exist in the first place, ranging from attitudes, values and behaviors to laws, institutions and social norms; and

WHEREAS we strongly support the efforts of national, state and local sexual assault prevention and response programs and applaud those especially in Montana, Missoula County and at the University of Montana, in their efforts to create safe and healthy communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrea Davis, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the month of April, 2025 as:

SEXUAL ASSAULT ACTION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 14th day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-five.



Andrea Davis
Mayor