

MARSHALL COUNTY, IOWA
PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proclamation of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Marshall County

WHEREAS, according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 14 men experience rape or attempted rape in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, more than 43 percent of women and 24 percent of men have experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month draws attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has implications for every community member; and

WHEREAS, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be a leader in preventing and ending sexual violence. As community members, parents, family members, and friends, we all have an obligation to uphold the basic principle that every individual should be free from violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the importance of the compassion and dedication of individuals who serve survivors of sexual abuse and their families, including local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, criminal and juvenile justice agencies, health care providers, law enforcement, allied professionals, and survivor services organizations; and

WHEREAS, we, as a county, encourage survivors and their families to see assistance from appropriate survivor services organizations, including ACCESS, LUNA, and other local programs and state coalitions; and

WHEREAS, the ACCESS Sexual Abuse Crisis Hotline is 1-800-203-3488; and

WHEREAS, we encourage every person to start conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, and how to help survivors connect with services, and to speak out against harmful attitudes and actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we, the Marshall County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Marshall County, to keep our community members safe from this crime and to stand with survivors and victims of sexual assault.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Chair, Board of Supervisors