

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Declaring Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is a widespread public health problem; and
- Whereas,** every day, too many women, men, and children across Florida suffer the pain and trauma of sexual assault in all of its forms; and
- Whereas,** during National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, expanding support and understanding for survivors, and strengthening our response; and
- Whereas,** at every level we must work to provide necessary resources to survivors of sexual assault, without judgment and with dignity, including medical attention, mental health services, relocation and housing assistance, and advocacy during the criminal justice process.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that **April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida.** Further, the board encourages all residents, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, and community and private organizations to support survivors of sexual assault and to work together to prevent these crimes in our community.

Presented this Fourth Day of April 2023

ATTEST:

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