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**PROCLAMATION
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, nationally one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month draws attention to the fact 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 action; 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 employers, educators, parents, and friends, we all have an obligation to uphold the basic principle that every individual should be free from violence and fear; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Carteret County.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that through this proclamation, we commit to building a safer community for all, where survivors are supported, and sexual violence is prevented.

Adopted, this the 18th day of March, 2024.



Jimmy Farrington, Chairman

ATTEST:



Lori Turner, County Clerk

