

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, sexual violence is a widespread, preventable, public health problem in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence is any sexual act that is perpetrated against someone's will, which includes sexual assault, rape, unwanted touching, threatened sexual violence, exhibitionism and verbal sexual harassment; and all types of sexual violence involve victims who do not consent, or who are unable to consent, or who refuse to allow the act; and

WHEREAS, over half of women and nearly one in three men experience some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, one incident of rape is reported to Kansas law enforcement every 7 hours, 51 minutes, 23 seconds; and over 5,300 people receive services for sexual assault from Kansas victim advocacy organizations each year; and

WHEREAS, these statistics do not represent the true prevalence of sexual violence due to underreporting; and sex offenders often targeting people they perceive as vulnerable, less powerful or less credible; and

WHEREAS, the offender is known to the victim in the vast majority of cases – 80% in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the effects of sexual violence may be felt directly after or for many months or years later; and confusion, anger, sadness, shame, guilt, helplessness, hopelessness and self-blame are all common reactions to sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, the Family Crisis Center, Inc. provides free and confidential services to victims of sexual violence in Barton, Barber, Comanche, Edwards, Kiowa, Ness, Pawnee, Pratt, Rush and Stafford Counties; and


WHEREAS, the Family Crisis Center, Inc. is also available 24/7/365 at 620-792-1885 and the state-wide Kansas Crisis Hotline is available at 1-888-363-2287.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Stafford County, Kansas, that the month of April, 2025, shall be known as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH in Stafford County; and

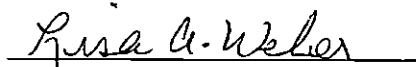
FURTHER, that the Commission urges citizens to participate in this observance.

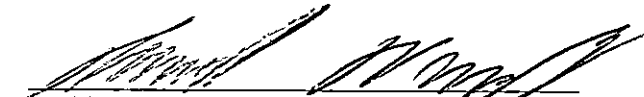
ADOPTED on this 26th day of March, 2025

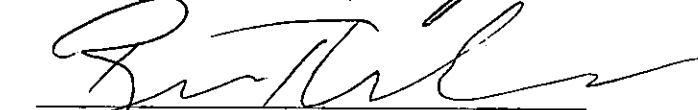
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