

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

WHEREAS, the goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, nationally 1 in 5 women and 1 in 67 men will be sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority for all genders; and

WHEREAS, on campus and in our military, sexual assault has increased; and

WHEREAS, our words shape the world around us. Whether you speak out against locker room talk or help someone better understand these issues, your voice in powerful and necessary in this conversation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I encourage the citizens of Key West to join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4th day of April, 2023.

Teri Johnston, Mayor