



## City of McKinney

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** in the United States, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) during which time, numerous organizations and individuals endeavor to raise public awareness about sexual violence and how to prevent it; and

**WHEREAS,** SAAM calls attention to the fact that sexual harassment, assault, and abuse harm our community and are not uncommon, as statistics show one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Smith et al., 2017), one in six boys and one in four girls will experience sexual assault before age 18 (Dube et al., 2005); and

**WHEREAS,** awareness and prevention of such violence and abuse are vital to the well-being of individuals and our community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS** the theme for this year's campaign, "I Ask," focuses on the prevalence of harassment, assault and abuse on college campuses and helps empower all of us to put consent into practice, emphasizing the message that asking for consent is a normal and necessary part of sexual relationships; and

**WHEREAS,** organizations such as the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) and Turning Point (Rape Crisis Center of Collin County) actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, GEORGE FULLER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2020 AS

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE SAFETY AND WELLNESS OF ALL BY LEARNING ABOUT AND ADVOCATING FOR AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT,

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.



George C. Fuller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Empress Drane, City Secretary

