

- WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of McKinney; and
- WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community, and statistics for Texas show two in five women and one in five men have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; and
- WHEREAS, Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18; and
- WHEREAS, Young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and
- WHEREAS, We must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and
- WHEREAS, With leadership and dedication, we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in McKinney by increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; and
- WHEREAS, The Turning Point (Rape Crisis Center of Collin County) strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It's time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN LOUGHMILLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2017

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH!"

Brian Loughmiller, Mayor

I ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN ME AND THE CITY COUNCIL TO JOIN ADVOCATES AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE TO PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLANCE.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

ATTEST:

Sandy Hart, City Secretary