



**WHEREAS,** Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community, with statistics for Texas showing 2 in 5 women and 1 in 5 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 1 in 6 boys and 1 in 4 girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18, and youth ages 12-17 are 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. With leadership and dedication, we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in our city by increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2023 theme of “*Ask First: Consent*,” champions the power of asking for consent — whether it be asking to hold someone’s hand, for permission to share personal information with others, or if a partner is interested in sex. Consent is a clear, concrete example of what it takes to end sexual harassment, abuse, and assault. The goal of the campaign is to empower everyone to put consent into practice. Asking for consent is a healthy, normal, and necessary part of everyday interactions; 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, GEORGE C. FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2023, AS**

## **Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month**

**IN THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, JOINING ADVOCATES AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE TO PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND SUPPORTING THE “ASK FIRST: CONSENT” CAMPAIGN. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

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GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

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EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary