

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD

Proclamation Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped 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 of 18; and

WHEREAS, Young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 are 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, On campus, one in five women and one in 16 men will be sexually assaulted during their time in college; 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, Crisis Intervention Services always has trained advocates available to provide services to survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones in Bloomfield and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, With leadership and dedication, we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in Bloomfield by increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield 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 take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That I, Mayor Chris Miller, join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and the State of Iowa, I do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"

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Date