

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Prineville; and

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college (Fisher, Cullen & Turner, 2000); and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs in Crook County encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Prineville through prevention education, increase awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prineville strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversation about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, Prineville City Council does hereby join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be of the solution to end sexual violence. I do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand in the City of Prineville and the State of Oregon on April 8, 2014.

Betty Roppe, Mayor

