



**PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2019 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show that 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men will experience attempted or completed rape during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 20 boys will experience a sexual assault before age 18; and

WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 are 2.3 times more likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault;

WHEREAS, on campus, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

WHEREAS, survivors should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and sexual abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, survivors of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can heal from the abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of sexual assault and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; 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, prevention is possible through education, awareness, and community involvement; and


WHEREAS, it is time for all residents of Inyo County to take action to create a safer environment for all and make ending sexual assault a priority; and

WHEREAS, Wild Iris requests all residents of Inyo County pledge to join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by Wild Iris and all victims' service providers, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Inyo County.

PASSED AND PROCLAIMED this 26th day of March 2019.

Attest: **CLINT G. QUILTER**
Clerk of the Board

by: 
Assistant Clerk of the Board


Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors