

# *Proclamation*

## DECLARING APRIL 2022 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

### WHEREAS,

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month — a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and educate individuals and communities about how to prevent it; and,

### WHEREAS,

Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Ouray County; 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 (Black et al., 2011).; 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 (Dube et al., 2005).; 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 (Snyder & Sickmund, 2006).; 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 Ouray County by increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; and,

### WHEREAS,

Ouray 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 take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That Ouray County joins advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of Colorado, we hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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