

# PROCLAMATION

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF EL RENO, OKLAHOMA

### ***“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”***

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects people of every age, race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, and socioeconomic background; and the CDC reports in its National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey that in the United States, one in five women and 1 in 67 men have experienced rape or attempted rape; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on the Status of Women is mindful of the fact that sexual assault remains a serious issue in our society, that harmful attitudes allow these crimes to persist and survivors to be re-victimized, and the importance of each of us speaking out against it in order to change attitudes which allow sexual assault to persist; and

WHEREAS, National Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Month calls attention to misconceptions and misinformation about sexual assault, and it is important that we rededicate ourselves to creating a society where sexual assault is not tolerated, survivors are supported and all persons in our community can live without fear of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, with proper education we can be successful in reducing this alarming physical and psychologically damaging crime, and help survivors to heal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Steve Jensen, by the powers vested in me as Mayor of the City of El Reno, Oklahoma and all its Citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of April to be

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in the City of El Reno, Oklahoma, and urge all of our citizens to be aware of this issue.

