RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 36

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2021 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of this month is to raise public awareness about sexual violence; provide education on its impacts to the individual, loved ones, and society as a whole; and encourage a community response to sexual violence; and,

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign in Florida is "I AM". This theme recognizes and honors the variability in victims' and survivors' backgrounds, healing processes and outlets, and represents individuals choosing how they want to present and identify themselves to the world; and,

WHEREAS, this theme invites community members to champion local and individual level responses: "I AM a believer"; "I AM calling out rape culture when I encounter it"; "I AM advocating for the rights of victims"; and

WHEREAS, addressing sexual violence involves citizen engagement and action in calling out abuse; community reinforcement of the anti-sexual violence movement and victim advocacy; and support of survivors and the local organizations that serve them; and

WHEREAS, the WCJ Rape Recovery Team is Nassau County's certified sexual assault program that provides confidential, trauma-focused services to survivors of sexual violence regardless of when the victimization occurred and whether the assault was reported to law enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 22nd day of March 2021, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. April 2021 is hereby proclaimed as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Nassau County, Florida.
2. The Board joins advocates and community members in raising awareness about sexual violence and fostering a victim-supportive environment that empowers survivors to seek support and services.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

THOMAS R. FORD
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

MICHAEL S. MULLIN