

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2019 AS SEXUAL
ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.**

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a campaign to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate the community on how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault, rape and sexual harassment are serious and widespread problems, and statistics show nearly one in five women and one in sixty-seven men in the U.S. have experienced rape or attempted rape at some point in their lives; 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 age 18; 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, and on campuses, one in five women and one in sixteen men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

WHEREAS, prevention is the ultimate goal and everyone's responsibility. All of us can create and promote safe environments. We can intervene to stop concerning behavior; promote and model healthy attitudes and relationships; and believe survivors and assist them in finding resources; and

WHEREAS, this year's campaign centers on empowering all of us to put consent into practice and champion the power of asking; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and encourages all to demonstrate the importance of consent and setting an example for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 201p, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The Board hereby joins advocates and communities across the country and around the world in taking an opportunity to create change for the future.
2. April 2019 is hereby declared Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Nassau County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

JUSTIN M. TAYLOR
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's
Signature:

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

MICHAEL S. MULLIN