

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT  
AWARENESS MONTH IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month uplifts year-round efforts that call attention to the prevalence of sexual violence and its widespread impacts, while promoting responses that lead to positive cultural change; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact during their lifetime; and (CDC, 2015)

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show that every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted; and (Department of Justice, 2020)

**WHEREAS**, the goal of this month is to raise public awareness about sexual violence; provide education on individual and societal impacts; and encourage community level responses to sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign for the Women's Center of Jacksonville is "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity"; and

**WHEREAS**, this theme calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention is the ultimate goal and everyone's responsibility. Drawing Connections recognizes that ending all forms of oppression will end sexual harassment, assault, and abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** this 27th day of March, 2023, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The Board hereby proclaims the month of April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Nassau County, Florida.
2. The Board joins advocates and community members in raising awareness about sexual violence, centering the needs of those who have been harmed and advancing equitable support for every survivor.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney:

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JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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