

# Proclamation

by the

**Mayor of the City of Denton, Texas**

To all to whom these presents shall come,

Greetings:


- WHEREAS,** In the United States, nearly 1 in 5 women and 1 in 33 men have been raped, and 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys is sexually abused by their 18th birthday. In fact, an individual is sexually assaulted every 68 seconds; and
- WHEREAS,** sexual assault affects every adult and child in Denton County either as a victim/survivor of sexual assault or as a family member; and
- WHEREAS,** few survivors of sexual violence seek help immediately after victimization due to shame or fear of disbelief. In order to end sexual assault, we must alleviate these fears; and
- WHEREAS,** Denton County Friends of the Family staff and volunteers provide comprehensive and compassionate services to those impacted by sexual assault, including a Survivor Advocate Team responding 24/7 to local hospitals and law enforcement agencies to support victims of sexual assault; and
- WHEREAS,** April 2023 is the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in which Denton County Friends of the Family will promote public understanding of sexual assault, publicizing their services, emphasizing the need for increased community support for their agency, and to increase awareness of needs of survivors.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor of the City of Denton, Texas, do hereby declare and proclaim April 2023 as

## **“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”**

in the City of Denton and encourage all citizens to learn more about the effects of sexual assault and how to support survivors.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Denton, Texas to be affixed this the month of April 2023.



  
GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
JESUS SALAZAR, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: 