

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
DECLARING APRIL, 2023 AS
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show that 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men will experience attempted or completed rape during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 are 2.3 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, survivors should have help to find compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and sexual abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, survivors of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can heal from the abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of sexual assault and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, prevention is possible through education, awareness, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, it is time for all resident of the Town of Mammoth Lakes to take action to create a safer environment for all and make ending sexual assault a priority; and

WHEREAS, Wild Iris requests all residents of the Town of Mammoth Lakes to pledge to join advocates and communities across the country in taking actions to prevent sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED in recognition of the important work done by Wild Iris and all victims' service providers in Mammoth Lakes, that the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lake hereby proclaims the month of April, 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

JOHN WENTWORTH, Mayor

JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk