

## NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2024

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

WHEREAS, SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual abuse, harassment, and assault and educate communities about how to be involved in prevention; and

WHEREAS, this year's SAAM campaign theme, Building Connected Communities, calls on each of us to work together to prevent sexual abuse, harassment, and assault; and

WHEREAS, we believe when anyone experiences sexual violence, every community member is affected; and

WHEREAS, we must strive to build more connected, respectful, and inclusive communities to promote our collective well-being and protect against the risk of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, we believe all of our communities will be safer and stronger by making them more equitable for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, races and ethnic backgrounds, ages, faiths, and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Building Connected Communities campaign is an opportunity for our community to join with others around the world in committing to prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment; and

WHEREAS, we join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan Antonio Banales, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Pittsburg, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as National Sexual Assault Awareness month and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

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Juan Antonio Banales, Mayor

Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk

ATTEST: April 2, 2024

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