



**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE
DECLARING APRIL 2017 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for the City of Placerville; and
- WHEREAS:** Addressing teen dating violence must be a priority to confront the reality that nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year and one in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence; and
- WHEREAS:** Research indicates that sexual violence may occur in any type of relationship; approximately, 80% of rape victims are between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five; 93% of juvenile sexual assault victims know their attacker; and
- WHEREAS:** Victims of sexual assault are three times more likely to suffer from depression; six times more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder; twenty-six times more likely to abuse drugs and four times more likely to contemplate suicide; and
- WHEREAS:** We must work together to educate our community to identify situations in which sexual assault may occur; recognize that non-consensual sex is sexual assault; and encourage everyone to intervene in situations where sexual consent cannot be given; there is no room for pressure, violence, or control in any relationship; and
- WHEREAS:** With passion and dedication, we encourage every person in the City of Placerville to make a personal commitment to help keep teens safe from sexual assault; not to be a bystander to the problem, but to be part of the solution; and
- WHEREAS:** The Placerville City Council strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It is time for all of us to take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Clerici, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Placerville, State of California, do hereby proclaim the month of April as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” in the City of Placerville.

Dated: March 28, 2017

Mayor John Clerici

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
And caused the seal of the City of Placerville to be affixed
this twenty eighth day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

Regina O’Connell, City Clerk