

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PLACERVILLE DECLARING THE MONTH OF
APRIL, 2020, AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS
MONTH IN THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE**

- WHEREAS:** Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health and safety implications for the City of Placerville and beyond;
- WHEREAS:** The goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is more than awareness – the ultimate goal is prevention of sexual harassment, abuse and assault; and
- WHEREAS:** When we talk about prevention, we mean stopping sexual violence before it happens by changing norms that allow it to exist in the first place from attitudes, values and behaviors to laws, institutions, and widespread social norms; and
- WHEREAS:** We call on our community to join us in the “I ASK” campaign and champion the power of asking and receiving consent. “I ASK” is the statement by which individuals will demonstrate that asking for consent is a healthy, normal, and necessary part of everyday interactions will uplift the importance of consent and transform it from being prescriptive to empowering; and
- WHEREAS:** Prevention is everyone’s responsibility: All of us can create and promote safe environments. We can intervene to stop behavior, promote healthy attitudes and relationships, believe survivors, and assist them in finding resources; and
- WHEREAS:** We strongly support the efforts of national, state, and local sexual assault prevention programs, and rape crisis centers in their efforts to create safe and healthy communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Michal Saragosa, Mayor of the City of Placerville and the Placerville City Council join The Center for Violence-Free Relationships and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government, the State of California, El Dorado County, I do hereby proclaim April 2020 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” in the City of Placerville.

Dated: September 22, 2020

Mayor Michael Saragosa

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Placerville to be affixed this 22nd day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:

Regina O’Connell, City Clerk