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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In the United States, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it.

WHEREAS, SAAM calls attention to the fact that sexual harassment, assault, and abuse are widespread and impact every person in this community.

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Smith et al., 2017). Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience sexual assault before age 18 (Dube et al., 2005). On campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college (Krebs et al., 2007).

WHEREAS, this year, SAAM is celebrating its 19th anniversary. The theme for this year's campaign, "I Ask" helps empower all of us to put consent into practice and shares the message that asking for consent is a normal and necessary part of sex.

WHEREAS, we join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Columbia County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2020 as "**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**" in Columbia County and encourage all county residents to join in the observation.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1st day of April, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER
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