

# Proclamation



## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH – APRIL 1-30, 2023

**WHEREAS**, every day, adults and children across Colorado suffer the pain and trauma of rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, this crime occurs far too frequently, goes unreported far too often, and leaves long-lasting psychological, physical and emotional scars; and

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impacts citizens in Brighton, regardless of age, race or gender; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brighton Police Department, as a certified You Have Options agency, remains committed to offering both traditional and alternative reporting options to victims of sexual assault while responding to sexual violence with a victim-centered, offender-focused approach; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brighton Police Department has continued their commitment to supporting victims and bringing perpetrators to justice with the Sexual Assault Task Force in collaboration with the Commerce City Police Department, accomplishing a higher level of investigation and response to victims in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brighton demonstrates its willingness to champion programs geared towards supporting victims and holding perpetrators accountable by hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Sexual Assault Response Team; and

**WHEREAS**, during National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves not only to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, but also to raising awareness, expanding support for victims, and strengthening our response; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brighton acknowledges the National Sexual Assault Awareness Month theme of “Prevention Demands Equity”, and calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to improve ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, we share the responsibility for supporting victims by believing others when it does occur, and bringing perpetrators to justice, whatever justice means to those who are victimized; and

**WHEREAS**, at the local level, we must work together to educate the City of Brighton community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention is possible when the entire City of Brighton community is involved. The first step is increasing awareness through education and supporting victims. It’s time for all of us to take action to prevent sexual violence.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as “**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**” in the City of Brighton.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2023

**CITY OF BRIGHTON**

Gregory Mills, Mayor  
Clint Blackhurst, Mayor Pro Tem  
Tom Green  
Matt Johnston  
Peter Padilla  
Jan Pawlowski  
Mary Ellen Pollack  
Ann Taddeo

ATTEST:

Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

