

# Proclamation



## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH – APRIL 2025

**WHEREAS**, April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a time to bring attention to the pervasive issue of sexual violence and to honor the survivors who have been impacted by this crime; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics reveal that 1 in 5 women in the United States experience completed or attempted sexual assault in their lifetime, and 1 in 4 men experience some form of contact sexual violence during their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and rape affect individuals in our community, regardless of age, race, gender, or background, and remain a significant issue in our society that demands our collective attention and action; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brighton acknowledges the national Sexual Assault Awareness Month theme of "Together We Act, United We Change," recognizing the vital importance of working together across all sectors of our community to prevent and address sexual abuse, assault, and harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, we understand that when workplaces, schools, and communities collaborate to uphold safety and respect, we create safer environments that help prevent sexual violence and promote justice for all individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes, and victims often face a higher risk of substance misuse, psychiatric disorders, suicide, and other serious health and social challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, as a community, we must all share the responsibility to support victims who come forward by believing them, listening to their stories, and working to bring justice in whatever form it means to the individuals affected; and

**WHEREAS**, we must act together to open safe avenues for victims to come forward, to educate the City of Brighton about sexual violence, support survivors, and work to break down the stigmas and barriers that prevent individuals from seeking help; and

**WHEREAS**, education is the first step toward action, and empowering our community, especially our young people, to be part of the solution by fostering inclusivity and encouraging them to shape a safer, more respectful future for all.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as "**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**" in the City of Brighton. We call on all citizens to take part in creating a community that fosters safety, understanding, and justice for all.


Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of April 2025

**CITY OF BRIGHTON**



ATTEST:

  
Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

  
Gregory Mills, Mayor  
Peter Padilla, Mayor Pro Tem  
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