

Proclamation



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH – APRIL 2024

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread with over 53% of women and over 29% of men reporting contact sexual violence in their lifetime; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton acknowledges the National Sexual Assault Awareness Month theme of “Building Connected Communities”, and calls on us all to build more connected, respectful, and inclusive communities to promote our collective well-being and protect against the risk of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, victims of sexual assault are significantly more likely to suffer from depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, chemical dependencies, and even contemplate suicide; and

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

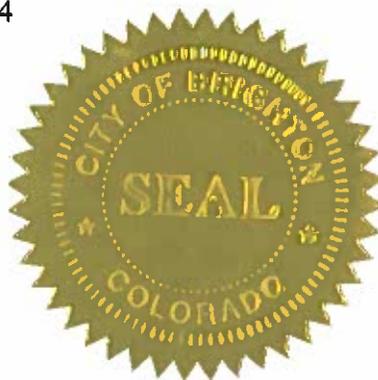
WHEREAS, as a community, we share the responsibility for supporting victims by believing others when it does occur, and bringing perpetrators to justice, whatever justice means to those who are victimized; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate the City of Brighton community about sexual violence, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions impeding victims from seeking services; and

WHEREAS, we believe communities will be safer and stronger by making them more equitable for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, races and ethnic backgrounds, ages, faiths, and abilities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as “**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**” in the City of Brighton.

Dated this 2nd Day of April 2024



ATTEST:


Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

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Gregory Mills, Mayor
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