

2023 Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Mayor Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to bring awareness to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and is a public health concern for individuals, families, community members and communities as a whole.

WHEREAS, Child sexual abuse /exploitation, rape and sexual harassment impact all communities as seen by the national statistics: One in three girls and one in six boys will be sexually violated by the age of 18. One in five children is solicited sexually while on the internet. One-third of all sexual violence cases in Northern St. Louis County happen to children 17 years and younger.

WHEREAS, In fiscal 2022, our local Sexual Assault Program of Northern St. Louis County has worked with 464 primary and secondary crime victims of sexual violence whom reside in our communities. The Program has provided more than 32,000 documented trauma and victim-focused advocacy services with these crime victims.

WHEREAS, Annually, hundreds of community members, ages preschool through college aged and area professionals are provided awareness and prevention education through the program.

WHEREAS, Staff, Board Members and Volunteers of our local anti-sexual violence program; The Sexual Assault Program of Northern St. Louis County, encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small; and to help survivors connect with community allies.

WHEREAS, We must work together to educate and engage communities in sexual violence awareness and prevention and to believe, listen, learn and support its victims and family members.

WHEREAS, a growing number of Minnesota leaders are committed to sexual violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, All Minnesotans must be part of the solution to eliminate crimes of sexual violence.

THEREFORE, I, the Mayor of the City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April in the year of 2023 as:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal

of the city of Hoyt Lakes, located in St. Louis County in the state of Minnesota.

Monday this 27th day of March, 2023.

David J. Zins
Mayor Signature