



# Proclamation

## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 2023

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westminster is concerned with the safety and well-being of all its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts millions of adults, teenagers, and children; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it; and

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and according to the CDC, more than one out of every three American women have been victims of attempted or completed rape, and one out of every four men experience sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS**, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that, according to the National Association of Adult Survivors of Child Abuse and the Advocacy Center, one in three girls and one in five boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse before the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault affects individuals across all ages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center is promoting thirty days of SAAM with this year's theme "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity"; and

**WHEREAS**, together we can make a difference to educate people about prevention, promote the safety of others, and show survivors they are believed and supported.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and Kimberly Ho do hereby proclaim April 2023 as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Westminster, and encourage the community to stand in solidarity against the heinous acts of sexual violence while empowering the voices of survivors and supporting their journeys to heal.

Signed and Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3