

Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April 2026

WHEREAS, this year, Napa County joins NEWS, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services in recognizing 25 years of **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and the shared commitment to end sexual assault, abuse, and harassment; and

WHEREAS, this **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** we underscore that we believe violence has no place in our homes, our schools, or our community; and that we believe safety, dignity, and respect are not privileges but they are rights; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than half of women and nearly one in three men in the United States have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact during their lifetimes, and one in four women and approximately one in 26 men have experienced completed or attempted rape; and

WHEREAS, by observing April as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** we show that our community is committed to supporting survivors and working toward the prevention of sexual violence across generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 28th day of April 2026, does hereby join NEWS, advocates, and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. We recognize **April 2026** as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in Napa County, and we urge the community to join in the effort not only in April, but all year long.

Amber Manfree, Chair

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