

Guadalupe County, Texas *Est. 1846* **PROCLAMATION**

Recognizing April 2025 as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 6-12, 2025 in Guadalupe County

Whereas, we recognize both April 2025 as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 6-12, 2025, and come together to foster safer, healthier communities where every individual is valued, protected, and supported; and

Whereas, we encourage all members of the public to stand with survivors, support prevention efforts, and work collectively to end sexual violence and all forms of crime; and

Whereas, every 68 seconds another person in the United States is sexually assaulted, and in Texas, 2 in 5 women and 1 in 5 men are victims of sexual assault in fiscal year 2024, Thriving Hearts Crisis Center rendered 850 services to 379 survivors of sexual violence and provided 94 hospital accompaniments for sexual assault exams; and

Whereas, most victims are sexually assaulted by someone they know and only ten percent of rapes are ever reported to law enforcement; and

Whereas, crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional, or financial impact on families and people of all ages and abilities and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and


Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, provides an opportunity to celebrate the energy, creativity, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

Whereas, police, forensic workers, and prosecutors should be recognized and commended for their hard work and innovative strategies to increase the percentage of sexual assault cases and other crime cases that resolve in the prosecution and incarceration of the offenders; and


Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed that, in official recognition, the Commissioners Court of Guadalupe County hereby proclaims April 2025 as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 6-12, 2025; and urge all residents to foster a future where safety, respect, and justice are all realities for everyone.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this **25th day of March 2025**.


GUADALUPE COUNTY:



Kyle Kutscher
County Judge



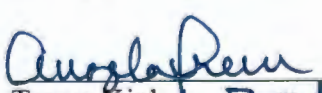
Jacqueline Ott
Commissioner, Precinct 1



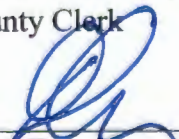
Michael Carpenter
Commissioner, Precinct 3




ATTEST:



Teresa Kiel
County Clerk



Drew Engelke
Commissioner, Precinct 2



Stephen Germann
Commissioner, Precinct 4