

P R O C L A M A T I O N
SEXUAL ASSAULT AND CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2021

WHEREAS, every child deserves to be safe and nurtured in caring relationships; and every family deserves to be safe and nurtured in their community; and

WHEREAS, too many of our children are exposed to sustained stress and violence, which can be devastating to a child's development; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is an intolerable crime with public health implications for every person in Fort Bragg whether as a survivor, significant other, neighbor or co-worker, or family member of a survivor; and

WHEREAS, we lay the foundation for our future when the entire community takes responsibility for creating healthy and nurturing environments in which to raise our children; and

WHEREAS, Project Sanctuary provides 24-hour hotline services to victims/survivors and their significant others, responding to emergency calls, offering support and comfort to those impacted by sexual assault during medical exams, criminal proceedings, and empowering those impacted by sexual assault to chart their own course for healing; and

WHEREAS, Project Sanctuary proudly partners with the Child Abuse Coalitions throughout the county for the first annual combined awareness month for April 2021 to acknowledge the overlap of these critical issues.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bernie Norvell, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby join Project Sanctuary in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence and child abuse. Along with the United States Government and State of California, I do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month."

SIGNED this 22nd day of March, 2021

BERNIE NORVELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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