

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
DECLARING APRIL 2018
AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE**

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month and sexual violence is a public safety issue that may impact any resident of Travis County and Pflugerville, and we all have a role to play in protecting our community; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects all ages, genders, races, cultures and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, according to the Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, 2 in 5 women and 1 in 5 men in Texas has experienced sexual assault; this is unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, everyone should be able to safely and confidently pursue their talents without fear of sexual violence in their workplace; and

WHEREAS, collection, analysis, and use of DNA evidence must be swift, fair, accurate and credible, we support the continued efforts of Pflugerville Police Department to help victims of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, freedom from sexual violence is a basic human right and we each have the power to make a difference. We welcome continued efforts by our partners the Sexual Assault Response and Resource Team (SARRT) and the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force (ATCFVTF) to identify areas of improvement for our coordinated community response to sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, we want the next generation to foster healthy relationships, equality and respect; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement there is compelling evidence that we can reduce sexual violence in Pflugerville through prevention, education, transparency, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Victor Gonzales, Mayor of the City of Pflugerville, Texas, join advocates and communities across the country to keep our communities safe from this crime by holding perpetrators accountable and to stand with survivors and victims of sexual assault to ensure their safety. In so doing, we hereby proclaim April 2018 Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Pflugerville.

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Thompson, City Secretary