

# JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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**JOHNSON COUNTY**

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**PROCLAMATION**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

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## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

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**WHEREAS,** the effects of sexual assault go far and beyond physical. In addition to the physical wounds, victims often develop a number of psychological conditions, such as post traumatic stress disorder and depression. These effects spread to families, friends, and Texas communities, spurring fear, anger and a sense of vulnerability; and

**WHEREAS,** few survivors of sexual violence seek help immediately after victimization due to shame or the fear of not being believed. In order to end sexual assault, we must alleviate these fears. We must begin by believing; and

**WHEREAS,** as members of a caring society, members of communities across the state of Texas must unite to remove the stigma of rape. Citizens of Johnson County must continue the dialogue started by the Johnson County Family Crisis Center in their places of work, schools, and homes; and

**WHEREAS,** each year, the month of April provides an opportunity for the Johnson County Family Crisis Center and rape crisis centers across the state to renew their commitments to serve their communities. For this period, educational efforts intensify, ensuring that Texans are aware of the sexual assault services available in their area; and

**WHEREAS,** at this time, therefore, I encourage all citizens of Johnson County to increase their awareness and work to prevent sexual assault in communities across the state. Together, united in their effort, we can continue to make a difference.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Roger Harmon, County Judge of Johnson County, and we the Commissioners of the four precincts in Johnson County, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2013 as

**“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”**

in Johnson County and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this the 22nd day of April, 2013.

  
Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

  
Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct.#1

  
Kenny Howell, Commissioner Pct.#2

  
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Don Beeson, Commissioner Pct.#4

ATTEST:   
Becky Williams, County Clerk



Proclamation  
Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
April 22, 2013