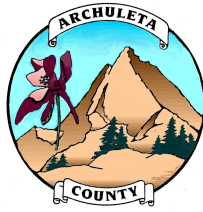


**BOARD OF COUNTY  
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**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Archuleta County; and

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in three women and one in six men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, one in three teens will experience sexual or physical abuse or threats from a boyfriend or girlfriend this year; and,

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault causes needless physical and emotional pain and injury to many victims in Archuleta County, 28 victims of sexual assault were served last year and we know there are many more who haven't reached out for help; and,

**WHEREAS**, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and support survivors and victims' to ensure they are provided the help needed to heal from sexual violence;

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault affects every person of Archuleta County in some form whether as a victim, a family member, a friend, a child, a neighbor, a co-worker, or a stranger; and,

**WHEREAS**, prevention is possible when everyone gets involved. The first step is increasing education, awareness and community involvement. It's time for all of us to take action to create a safer environment for all.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** in Archuleta County, Colorado. We wish for our citizens and visitors to know there is always help available through our local victim assistance program and we will show our support throughout this month and the entire year.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronnie Maez, Chairman

ATTEST

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Mary Helminski, Deputy County Clerk and Recorder