



PROCLAMATION



Safe Passage

No one deserves to be abused.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 2025

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

Whereas, sexual assault and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women, and one in 71 men, will be sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; and

Whereas, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in four boys, and one in three girls, will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18; and

Whereas, on campus, one in five women, and one in 16 men, are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and **Whereas**, the theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month's campaign is, **"Together We Act, United We Change."** The campaign calls on new partners and community members to help expand sexual assault prevention efforts and ensure the next generation fosters attitudes that promote healthy relationships, equality, and respect.

Therefore, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, join Safe Passage and advocates across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence, and do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of DeKalb, reminding everyone that each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 14th day of April 2025.

COHEN BARNES
Mayor