



PROCLAMATION SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2023

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

WHEREAS, during crisis, domestic violence, including sexual assault, rises. Individuals may be experiencing increased isolation and danger caused by social distancing measures during the COVID-19 pandemic. As seen in other countries statistics, intimate partner violence has risen as much as 30% during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, during this difficult time and always, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, Pictou County Sexual Health Centre, Pictou County Women's Resource and Sexual Assault Centre, Tearmann Society for Abused Women and other anti-violence advocates and support service programs, encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of sexual violence, however small; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Pictou County through increased prevention and awareness education, community mobilization, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Glasgow strongly supports the efforts of national, provincial and local conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of New Glasgow join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence., I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, on behalf of the Town of New Glasgow, do hereby declare April 2023, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks