

Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2025 Proclamation

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual harassment, assault, and abuse are widespread and impact every person in this community, with an American being sexually assaulted every 68 seconds; and

Whereas, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 20 men have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; and

Whereas, We must work together to educate our community about sexual assault prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and


Whereas, With leadership and dedication, we can be successful in preventing sexual assault in East Texas by increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; and

Whereas, The Women's Center of East Texas provided services to 232 sexual assault survivors in 2024, responding to 26 sexual assault nurse examinations; and

Whereas, **Upshur County**, strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual assault. It's time for all of us to take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

Now therefore, **Upshur County**, joins advocates and communities across the nation in playing an active role to end sexual assault. Along with the United States Government and State of Texas, I do hereby proclaim the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in **Upshur County**.


Executed this the 15th day of April 2025.


TODD TEFTELLER, Upshur County Judge


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