



MAYLOR PROCLAIMS APRIL 2019 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH



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

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 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, "I Ask" The campaign champions the power of asking for consent – whether it be asking to hold someone's hand, for permission to share personal information with others, or if a partner is interested

in sex. Consent is a clear, concrete example of what it takes to end sexual harassment, abuse, and assault. The goal of this campaign is to empower everyone to put consent into practice. I Ask is the statement by which individuals will demonstrate that asking for consent is a healthy, normal, and necessary part of everyday interactions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Fuller, Mayor of the City of Opelika do hereby proclaim April 2019 as:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

I join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. Each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Opelika, Alabama, to be affixed this the 18th day of April 2019.