



**PROCLAMATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

**WHEREAS**, every 73 seconds an American is sexually assaulted; and,

**WHEREAS**, every 9 minutes, that victim is a child; and,

**WHEREAS**, one in six boys and one in four girls will experience sexual assault before the age of 18; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, 1 out of every 5 women and 1 out of every 71 men are survivors of rape; and,

**WHEREAS**, American Indian Women are 2 times more likely to experience sexual violence compared to all races; and,

**WHEREAS**, 32 victims of sexual assault were served by Rise Above Violence last year and we know there are many more who haven't reached out for help; and,

**WHEREAS**, we must work together to give a voice to the victims of sexual violence; and,

**WHEREAS**, we must educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and support survivors and victims'; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault affects every person in Archuleta County in some form whether as a victim, a family member, a friend, a child, a neighbor, or a co-worker; and it is more important than ever to support victims of sexual violence in our community so they know they are not alone.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Archuleta County and we wish for our citizens and visitors to know there is always help available through Rise Above Violence and we will show our support throughout this month and the entire year.

Approved and Adopted in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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Alvin Schaaf, Chairman, Archuleta Board of County Commissioners