



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
APRIL 2016 AS  
"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"**

**WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of San Luis Obispo County; and**

**WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in seventy-one men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime; and**

**WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18, and youth ages 12 to 17 are 2.5 times as likely to be victims of sexual violence; and**

**WHEREAS, one in five women on college campuses will experience a sexual assault while pursuing higher education; and**

**WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande strongly supports the efforts of RISE, and acknowledges that prevention is possible when everyone gets involved. The first step is increasing education, awareness and community involvement because it is time for all of us to take action to create a safer environment for all residents of San Luis Obispo County.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Hill, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.**

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**JIM HILL, MAYOR**



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