



## **Goodhue County Proclamation in Recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**Whereas**, the issues of sexual violence and child abuse, have many connections. Both are part of overarching experiences of harm that contribute to the continued reproduction of trauma and oppression in society and across generations.

**Whereas**, sexual abuse, assault, and harassment affect individuals of every background; and

**Whereas**, people who are immigrants, refugees, migrants, Black, Indigenous, people of color, people living with a disability, LGBTQ+, women, and/or young are among the communities most heavily affected by sexual violence; and

**Whereas**, sexism, racism, homophobia, classism, ableism, religious oppression, and ageism are significant barriers to survivors accessing support and resources, and many victims and survivors continue to face challenges in finding appropriate, culturally responsive, or quality services; and

**Whereas**, every child deserves to grow up in an environment that supports their ability to reach their full potential and where sexual violence is not tolerated; and

**Whereas**, the purpose of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month is to raise public awareness about these issues, educate our community on how to prevent it and share resources available to those impacted by sexual assault and child abuse.

**Whereas**, ending child abuse and sexual violence is a community responsibility. We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent child abuse and sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

**Whereas**, anyone can be a leader in preventing and ending child abuse and sexual violence. As employers, educators, parents, and friends, we all have an obligation to uphold the basic principle that every individual should be free from violence and fear; and

**Now therefore**, be it resolved, that the Goodhue County Health & Human Services Board, on behalf of all residents of Goodhue County, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month in Goodhue County, to keep our community members safe from these crimes and to stand with survivors and victims of sexual assault and child abuse.

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Chair, Goodhue County HHS Board

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