



*Office of the Mayor
City of Tukwila, Washington*

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, sexual assault is pervasive: Every 68 seconds, someone is sexually assaulted in the United States; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is among the most underreported crimes for many reasons, but survivors who are already most marginalized face additional barriers to reporting, such as language, immigration status or disability.

WHEREAS, sexual violence exists on a continuum of behavior that includes racist, sexist, transphobic, homophobic, ableist or other hate speech. This ranges from rape jokes to verbal harassment to physical assaults; and

WHEREAS, by working together as a community, we can alleviate the trauma of sexual violence by ensuring supportive resources are available to all survivors, while standing up to and actively disrupting harmful attitudes and behaviors that contribute to sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas McLeod, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in the City of Tukwila and encourage residents to join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence.

Presented this 8th day of April, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas McLeod", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas McLeod, Mayor