



RESOLUTION #26-12

Proclaiming the Month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, April 2026 marks the 25th anniversary of the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's (NSVRC) Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme selected by NSVRC this year is Looking Back, Moving Forward, honoring the history and growth of the sexual assault awareness movement while reaffirming a commitment to a safer future for all; and

WHEREAS, looking at the history of sexual assault awareness and increasing awareness of the problem and solutions are important aspects of preventing sexual violence and assault; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence is an umbrella term that includes any type of unwanted sexual contact—including sexual assault, harassment, and abuse. Sexual violence that involves unwanted touching of another person is called contact sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, most women and men across all sexual identities who experienced contact sexual violence reported that the person who harmed them was someone they knew; and

WHEREAS, over 53% of women and over 29% of men reported experiencing contact sexual violence; and

WHEREAS; learning how to take meaningful steps toward prevention, support others, and create spaces where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected also celebrates the resilience of survivors and the communities that have worked for change; and

WHEREAS, Oxnard Union High School District's Vision is to create prosperity through inquiry, equity, and wellness. Increasing awareness of sexual assault and how to prevent it benefits the communities served by OUHSD.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Governing Board of the Oxnard Union High School District recognizes April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Oxnard Union High School District is committed to increasing awareness leading to prevention of



sexual assault, support for survivors and their families, and the creation of safe spaces.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2026 by the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District.

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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