



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS:** the effects of sexual assault go far beyond the physical and victims often develop a number of psychological conditions, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and depression affecting families, friends and Texas communities, spurring fear, anger and a sense of vulnerability; and,

**WHEREAS:** few survivors of sexual violence seek help immediately after victimization due to shame or the fear of not being believed. To end sexual assault, we must alleviate these fears and begin by believing; and,

**WHEREAS:** as members of a caring society, members of communities across the state of Texas must unite to remove the stigma of rape and the Brazos Valley community must continue the dialogue started by the Sexual Assault Resource Center in their places of work, schools and homes; and,

**WHEREAS:** each year, the month of April provides an opportunity for the Sexual Assault Resource Center and rape crisis centers across the state to renew their commitments to serve their communities. Educational efforts also intensify, which ensures that Texans are aware of the sexual assault services available in their area; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we the Commissioners Court of Brazos County, do hereby designate April 2026 as

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH** in Brazos County

**PROCLAIMED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.**

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Duane Peters, County Judge

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Commissioner Bentley Nettles, Pct. 1

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Commissioner Fred Brown, Pct. 3

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Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Pct. 2

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Commissioner Wanda J. Watson, Pct. 4