

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month calls attention to the fact that sexual harassment, assault, and abuse are widespread and impact every person in this community; and

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impacts our community, as shown by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in seventy-one men will be sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; and

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

**WHEREAS**, with leadership and dedication, we can be successful in preventing sexual assault in East Texas by increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; and


**WHEREAS**, Panola County strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual assault. It's time for all of us to take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas joins advocates and communities across the nation in playing an active role to end sexual assault. Along with the United States Government and State of Texas, we do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023 as

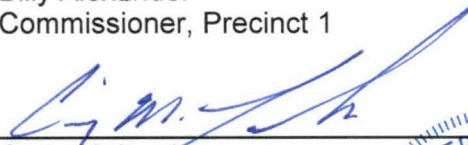
## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH


Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

  
Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

  
Billy Alexander  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
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Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
Craig M. Lawless  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
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Commissioner, Precinct 4

**ATTEST:**

  
Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

