

Proclamation



Office of the Mayor

- Whereas,** sexual assault continues to be a major social crisis in our society; and
- Whereas,** sexual assault affects every child and adult in Tahlequah as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and
- Whereas,** volunteers and service providers in our community are working to provide a continuum of care to sexual assault survivors through 24-hour hotlines, counseling, support groups, advocacy, medical care and education; and
- Whereas,** Help-In-Crisis seeks to improve services for victims/survivors of sexual assault and prevent future sexual assault through public awareness and services for victims; and
- Whereas,** this community recognizes the vital importance of designating a time devoted to increase the general public's awareness and support of agencies providing services to rape victims; and
- Whereas,** we hold forth a vision of a community free from sexual violence; and
- Whereas,** Help-In-Crisis requests public support and assistance as it continues to work toward a society where all women, children, and men can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation.

Now, Therefore, I, Jason Nichols, with the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tahlequah, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015 as

“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Tahlequah, and encourage our citizens to assist local agencies in being a part of the solution to end sexual violence in our community and to join Tahlequah's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event at 10:00 a.m. on April 18, 2015, in Norris Park to show your support.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Tahlequah to be affixed this 7th day of April 2015.

Jason Nichols, Mayor