



# Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in every community. Sexual Assault Awareness Month aims to raise public awareness about sexual abuse, harassment, and assault and educate communities about how to be involved in prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, This year's campaign theme, *Building Connected Communities*, calls on each of us to work together to prevent sexual abuse, harassment, and assault. When anyone experiences sexual violence, every community member is affected; and

**WHEREAS**, As sexual assault adversely affects all walks of life, we must strive to build more connected, respectful, and inclusive communities to promote our collective well-being and protect against the risk of sexual violence. All communities will be safer and stronger when made more equitable for people of all races, ethnic backgrounds, ages, faiths, identities, orientations, and abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of La Porte joins advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Louis R. Rigby, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In Witness Whereof: I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed hereto, this, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

City of La Porte

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**Louis R. Rigby, Mayor**