



Proclamation

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 2026

Whereas, April is recognized nationally as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a time dedicated to raising awareness about sexual violence, supporting survivors, and promoting prevention efforts in communities across the United States; and

Whereas, 2026 marks the 25th anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, recognizing more than two decades of advocacy, education, and community engagement aimed at preventing sexual violence and supporting survivors. This year's theme, "25 Years Stronger: Looking Back, Moving Forward," encourages communities to reflect on the progress made while renewing our commitment to prevention, healing, and accountability; and

Whereas, PREVAIL serves as a leading organization dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking through confidential advocacy, crisis response, shelter, counseling, prevention education, and community outreach; and

Whereas, during the 2024–2025 fiscal year, PREVAIL responded 504 times to provide confidential advocacy and support to survivors of sexual assault, demonstrating the on-going need for survivor-centered services and community education throughout San Joaquin County. PREVAIL works in partnership with local government agencies, law enforcement, healthcare providers, schools, and community-based organizations to strengthen the response to sexual violence and promote a safer, more informed community; and

Now, Therefore, I, Gary Singh, Mayor of the City of Manteca, on behalf of City Council, do recognize April 2026, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and commend PREVAIL and its staff, volunteers, and community partners for their continued dedication to serving survivors and building a safer and more supportive community for all.

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Mayor Gary Singh