

April 2020

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, Sexual Assault affects women, children, and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

Whereas, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and

Whereas, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victims and survivors and increase support for those organizations; and

Whereas, Sex related crimes are the number one incarcerated crime in the state of West Virginia; and

Whereas, out of every 1,000 sexual assaults, 230 are reported to the police, 46 reports lead to arrests, 9 cases are referred to prosecutors, 5 cases will lead to a felony conviction and 4.6 rapists will be incarcerated; and

Whereas, Barbour County acknowledges the need for awareness and prevention in sexual assault and does hereby proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFOR, I *Susie Cvechta*
President BARBOUR COUNTY COMMISSION PRESIDENT DOES HEREBY
PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN
BARBOUR COUNTY AND URGE ALL CITICENS TO DO THEIR PART TO HELP END
SEXUAL VIOLENCE.