

*Office of the Mayor  
Foley, Alabama  
Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, according to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN), every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted and every 9 minutes that victim is a child. Only 25 out of every 1000 perpetrators will end up in prison; and

**WHEREAS**, only 310 out of every 1000 sexual assaults are reported to police, meaning that more than two out of three go unreported; and

**WHEREAS**, the most important thing we can do for our victims is believe them and support them; and

**WHEREAS**, National Sexual Assault Awareness Month seeks to raise awareness, find solutions, and foster community involvement as well as to remember survivors of sexual assault and offer tribute to all victims of sexual assault throughout America each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of sexual assault are felt by the entire community requiring all to join together to take action to create a safer environment for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Foley commends The Lighthouse for encouraging all citizens to become more aware of sexual assault, and for remaining strong and persistent advocates toward the support of all victims of such terrible acts.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, **Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich** and on behalf of the Foley City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 2026** as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in Foley, Alabama. I call upon all residents, businesses, and organizations to join in raising awareness, supporting survivors, and working together to prevent sexual assault in our community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this **6th Day of April, 2026**

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_