

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation

April 2026

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is observed annually in April to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities on how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault, harassment, and abuse affect people of every age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, religion, and ability, and have profound and lasting impacts on survivors, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, 39% of women in Kentucky and 18% of men in Kentucky will experience sexual violence at some point in their lives, underscoring the urgent need for prevention and intervention efforts; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence is preventable through education, community engagement, healthy relationship promotion, bystander intervention, and policies that promote equity, respect, and accountability; and


WHEREAS, we honor the courage and resilience of survivors and recognize the importance of trauma-informed, culturally responsive support services that promote healing and justice; and

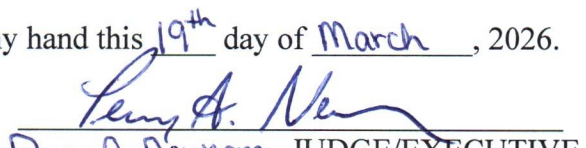
WHEREAS, advocates, educators, healthcare providers, law enforcement professionals, and community leaders play a critical role in responding to sexual violence and creating safe environments in schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Sanctuary, Inc. is the designated sexual assault resource center that serves the nine counties of the Pennyryle Area Development District with prevention education and supportive and restorative services to victims and survivors of sexual assault;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, D'Anna Browning, Mayor of the City of Marion, and Perry A. Newcam, Judge/Executive of Crittenden County, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as **Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month** in Marion, Kentucky and call upon all residents, community organizations, schools, businesses, and institutions to support prevention efforts, stand with survivors, and commit to fostering a culture of respect, dignity, and safety for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of March, 2026.


D'Anna Browning, MAYOR
City of Marion


Perry A. Newcam, JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
Crittenden County, Kentucky