# A Proclamation by the Mayor and City Council of Ivins City, State of Utah

**WHEREAS**, in Utah, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime. Compared to the Nation, it is estimated that Utah has higher rates of sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, as sexual violence is a prominent and pervasive issue, it is necessary to provide services, support, and believe survivors of sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a dire need for prevention efforts directed towards ceasing the occurrence of sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, cities can increase the quality and togetherness of their community by creating an environment where sexual assault is unacceptable; and

**WHEREAS**, together we can continue to strengthen prevention, support healing, and create a community where everyone feels safe and valued.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kevin Smith, Mayor, along with the City Council of Ivins City, Utah, do hereby proclaim our ongoing support for survivors of sexual violence, the forensic nurses of southern Utah who tend them, and in addition, pledge to recognize, in all future years, the month of April as:

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** in Ivins City, in recognition and support of those survivors, honoring those who have shared their stories, and the advocates such as the Forensic Nurses of Southwest Forensic Nursing & Healthcare who have led the way. Their courage reminds us that prevention is possible and that each of us has a role to play.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**

Given under my hand and Seal of Ivins City, State of Utah.

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**Mayor, Ivins City**
**May 7, 2026**