



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

PROCLAMATION

Sexual Assault Prevention Month May 2023

WHEREAS the Town of Smiths Falls supports the rights of every citizen to live free from sexual violence; and

WHEREAS sexual violence affects all people, regardless of geography, race, age, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic background; and

WHEREAS sexual violence is a public health issue that causes significant trauma and impacts the physical, mental, emotional and sexual health outcomes of people, communities and societies; and

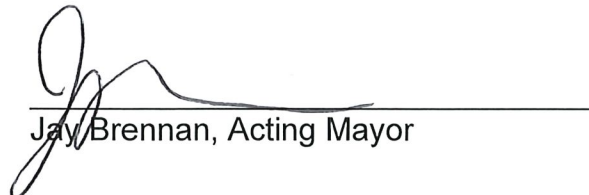
WHEREAS we all have an obligation to do everything we can to raise awareness of sexual assault, support victims and survivors and hold offenders accountable. In the spirit of Sexual Assault Prevention Month, let's continue building the conversation about sexual assault and protect the people of Smiths Falls from this horrible crime; and

WHEREAS this month is dedicated to raising awareness of the impact that sexual violence is having on our community, and to highlight the need for support and services to those affected by sexual assault;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jay Brennan, Acting Mayor of the Town of Smiths Falls, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Sexual Assault Prevention Month in the Town of Smiths Falls, and encourage our residents to stand firmly with survivors, advocates and community agencies to stop sexual violence in all its forms.

AND THAT a banner shall be hung at the Memorial Community Centre to recognize Sexual Assault Prevention Month and show survivors of sexual assault that we as a community believe them, hear them and stand with them.

May 1, 2023



Jay Brennan, Acting Mayor