

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA
DECLARING APRIL 2024 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

**THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Morro Bay, California**

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual and intimate partner violence is widespread and impacts every person in San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and those living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, although much progress has been made toward preventing and ending sexual violence, important work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE continues to provide a safe environment to those affected by sexual violence with crisis intervention, counseling, education, and emergency safe housing, with the help of dedicated volunteers and professionals; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE provided services to 1,397 people in 2022-23, including answering 2,189 calls from the crisis line; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE provided 380 survivors with more than 4,800 sessions of therapy in 2022-23; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE provided evidence-based violence prevention education to 1,431 students in SLO County in 2022-23; and

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE encourages the community to recognize our collective power to create a culture that supports survivors and works to create a community where everyone can live free from violence. □

WHEREAS, LUMINA ALLIANCE is celebrating its 45th Anniversary of serving survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence in SLO County in 2024.

WHEREAS, the City of Morro Bay strongly supports the efforts of LUMINA ALLIANCE, how every segment of our community can work together to better address sexual violence, and how to help survivors connect with services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Morro Bay City Council recognizes the important work done by sexual violence programs, do hereby proclaim the month of April to be National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
seal of the City of Morro Bay to be
affixed this 9th day of April 2024.

CARLA WIXOM, MAYOR
City of Morro Bay, California