

**HONORARY PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 AS  
"NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual and intimate partner violence is widespread and impacts every person in Arroyo Grande; 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 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 provided 380 survivors with more than 4,800 sessions of therapy, and provided evidence-based violence prevention education to 1,431 students in SLO County in 2022-23; and

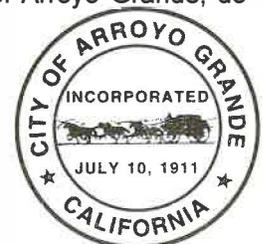
**WHEREAS**, LUMINA ALLIANCE encourages the community to recognize our collective power to create a culture that supports survivors and works to create a community where everyone can live free from violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, LUMINA ALLIANCE is celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of service to survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence in SLO County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arroyo Grande supports the efforts of LUMINA ALLIANCE and its efforts to demonstrate how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence, and how to help survivors connect with services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as "National Sexual Assault Awareness Month."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.



**CAREN RAY RUYSSOM, MAYOR**