P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were two and a half times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence through increased education, awareness, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City Council strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It's time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Ladner, Mayor of the Town of Silver City, join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of New Mexico, I do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

"Sexual Assault Awareness Month"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed this 10th day of April, 2018.

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Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

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Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk