WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is recognized throughout the United States, as well as in the Commonwealth of Kentucky during the Month of April; and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment, abuse, and assault are widespread problems affecting every segment of our communities, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence can happen anywhere and can have long‐term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for survivors and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about sexual violence and contribute to creating a visible network of support for survivors; and

WHEREAS, each of us has the opportunity and shared responsibility to make everyday choices reflected in our attitudes, words, and behaviors which promote safety and communicate intolerance for violence.

NOW THEREFORE, I, George P. Bray, Mayor of the City of Paducah proclaim

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in Paducah and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of responding to, and preventing sexual violence.