OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 24/20-21

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month — a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and educate individuals and communities about how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment, abuse, and assault are widespread problems; and

WHEREAS, we know that, in the United States alone, nearly one in five women and one in 67 men have been raped at some time in their lives, and that one in six boys and one in four girls is sexually abused before the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment, assault, and abuse happen in all communities — and that includes online spaces. We are spending more and more of our lives online — whether that is for work, school, or entertainment; and

WHEREAS, with this increase in virtual connection comes an increase in online abuse and harassment. Consent and boundaries can be violated online in a number of ways, and the trauma of online abuse is all too real for many survivors; and

WHEREAS, each of us has the power to make a difference and to ensure that our in-person and online communities are safe and respectful for everyone; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the theme of this year’s campaign is “We Can Build Safe Online Spaces.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohlone Community College Board of Trustees recognizes April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and employs the college community to create spaces, in person and online, that values practicing consent and supporting survivors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 14th day of April, 2021.

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Secretary, Board of Trustees
Ohlone Community College District
County of Alameda, State of California