

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH
2013 PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, almost 13 percent of Texans have been sexually assaulted, and that equates to nearly 2 million Texans; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 20 men in Texas suffer from this devastating crime affecting all races, ages and economic situations; and

WHEREAS, the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center provided direct services to 391 victims of sexual assault in Hays and Caldwell counties last year including 15 victims from Buda; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buda is intolerant of sexual violence in any form and recognizes that education and awareness may prevent sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, efforts to reduce sexual assault can only be successful through citizen involvement, and the safety of the citizens of the City of Buda depends upon our actions to end sexual assault;

THEREFORE, I, Todd Ruge, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Buda, Texas, do hereby proclaim April, 2013, as

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And call upon the people of Buda to increase their awareness and build upon the network of support to mobilize and prevent sexual assault in our community and across this great state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of Buda, Texas, this ___ day of April, 2013.